

2010 - 2011

INTERCOM



MARY WARD
FOUNDER OF
LORETO INSTITUTIONS



Maria Ward.

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

DELHI CANTT.

editorial

This school year has been yet another sparkling milestone as events and activities traversed across varied themes, exploring new dreams and new directions. 2010 emerged as a landmark year--- designated as the Year of Biodiversity by the UN, the Birth Centenary of Mother Teresa, the great visionary, the 150 Birth Centenary of the Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore; countless initiatives were taken and a plethora of activities organized making the academic session a journey, both educative and eventful.

The school was honoured by the visits of Sr. Marian, Congregational Leader of IBVM and Sr. Tressia, Provincial of IBVM. The year gone by was interspersed with activities to reaffirm the legacy of our founder, Venerable Mary Ward, whose vision the nation acknowledged by releasing a postage stamp in her honour. We, her spiritual children pledge up to live up to the school motto "Receive that you may Give".

The school magazine is a proud compendium of our students' work and achievements, during this school year. It's contents and presentation mirror our children's enthusiasm. Intercom 2010-2011 is a journey to explore the power of their creative intellect and the brilliance of their diverse interests and visions. Bon Voyage!



Sitting (L-R): Mrs. Anand, Mrs. Jaggi, Mrs. Sugathan, Mrs. Agnes Davies, Mrs. P. Nasir, Mrs. Manchanda, Mrs. Pai
Standing (L-R): Revati, Chowgule, Pratishta Mamgain, Pratishta Sehgal, Saba Saigal, Shivali Bhatti, Shivangi Manocha, Ashriya Singh, Charu Kandpal, Sonika Obheroi, Bhavna Sharma, Chetna Batra, Mallika Singla, Aparna Seth



Principal's Message

There is neither a miraculous shortcut to success nor a magical big leap forward that will give you the crown instantly.

So it is essential to appreciate accomplishments along the way and celebrate the journey to success as well. Indeed when one step at a time is taken forward and directed towards the goal with vivacity of spirit and veracity of mind, the magnitude of achievement far exceeds the degree of anticipation.

Incremental change leads us to build upon each victory as each brick of success lays the foundation of the next challenge and the laurel. Failure is not falling down but a refusal to take that step to rise again.

Each step of the journey is thus a reflection of and an affirmation of persistent and consistent effort, a wondrous victory over challenges of procrastination and resistance and a marvelous conquest of tears and fears.

We celebrate the journey of learning of our students and the triumph of spirit to ride the waves of life.

The nation honours the vision of Venerable Mary Ward that has enabled the girl child for four hundred years with the release of the commemorative postage stamp. We share our pride and joy with you.

Agnes Davies
Agnes Davies



Visiting Dignitaries



Sr. Marion, Congregational Leader of IBVM

Sr. Marion is the head of the Loreto family spread over six continents. She has worked extensively with people who have been affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Sr. Marion visited Loreto Convent on 31 October 2010.

A speech made by Mrs. Davies in honour of Sr. Marion

We welcome Sr. Marion Moriarity, Congregational Leader of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the head of all Loreto institutions spread across six continents of the world.

Sr. Marion was originally a teacher and has worked in South Africa for most of her religious life.

Sr. Marion brings many wonderful gifts with her years of service in education and her kindness in working among people who are neglected and living on the fringes of society. She has lived with the underprivileged and marginalized section of society specially the poor HIV patients and children who are most vulnerable.

There is a remarkable incident associated with her life in South Africa which I would like to share with you. She lived in Kwaguga, South Africa and shared their struggles to get justice. There was a young orphan boy named Siyabonga. He lived with his grandmother. He had deformed feet and therefore could not walk. Siyabonga also could not go to school as the children there had to walk to school. Sr. Marion made many efforts to provide assistance. Finally she was able to approach a medical doctor who listened to her. The boy was operated upon and a miracle transformed his life. Siyabonga was able to walk and, in time was able to go to school as well. With her courage and compassion, she made a positive difference in the life of Siyabonga.

We are fortunate to be guided by Sr. Marion. Your visit is certainly the high point of our school calendar. We feel privileged that you have given us time. We at Loreto Delhi will always cherish this visit for years to come.



Sr. Margo

Sr. Margo, who coordinates globally all projects of Mary Ward International, visited Loreto Convent on 25 March 2010. She has spent almost 31 years in Africa, committed to helping the homeless and street children. The members of JPIC and students associated with Jeevan Rekha had a wonderful interaction with her.



Sr. Cyril *A Visionary's Visit*

Sr. Cyril, a visionary in matters regarding 'the Rainbow children' and a recipient of the prestigious Padmashree Award, visited Loreto, Delhi on 03 Nov 2010. She had an interactive session with teachers-in-charge of JPIC, LTS and class teachers of classes V and VI regarding the Outreach programmes conducted in our school.



Apostolic Nuncio's Visit

His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Titular Archbishop of Montemarano, was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to India on 8 May 2010. His Excellency visited Loreto on 12 November and appreciated the efforts of the school towards helping the less fortunate in the society.



A Visit by the Director of University of Malta

Ms. Stefania Fabri, the Director of University of Malta visited our school on 11 November to interact with our students and introduced the various facilities offered by the University of Malta.

Sr. Tressia, the new Provincial visited the school in February and had a meaningful interaction with the staff and students.





Vatican Comes to Loreto

It was our proud privilege that His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Titular Archbishop of Montemarano and Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal and Ambassador of the Pope was the Chief Guest of our Children's Day program. His message was, *"We need to rediscover the service dimension of religion which only can make religion meaningful in our context. These scholarly and practical dimensions of religions faith have to be rediscovered so that religion can lead human beings to serve God and fellow human beings."*

Archbishop Salvatore also believed that religion should seriously take up the social dimension of human life.

At Loreto, we had thought, "Why not bring a difference into the lives of children who are deprived of privileges? While we celebrate with our students, the fortunate ones should remember their good fortune to have all that they are endowed with".

To celebrate the joy of childhood with the less privileged and a determination that this day should not be the same as any ordinary day, we invited 100 children from Asha Niwas orphanage and Jharera village to our school.



They came with winsome smiles and cheerful faces, engaging ways and innocent eyes. They looked upon the impressive persona of the Apostolic Nuncio with wondrous excitement. They were delighted with the special attention that was shown to them and basked in it.

Our students put their talents together and put up a cultural program enthusiastically. They sang with gusto. The actors of the street play performed with zeal and passion. The dance with the message 'Live in Peace, Not in Pieces' enchanted our Chief Guest.

Archbishop Salvatore was impressed with the theme and idea of our celebration. In treating the less privileged to a Special Day, we proclaim the goodness of our Lord and rejoice in His manifold blessings. The day became memorable for a lifetime when our young guests came forward shyly and accepted gifts from the Apostolic Nuncio.

Archbishop Salvatore conveyed the Apostolic Blessings of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to the children. He was patient, amiable, warm and cheerful. His natural charm and joie de vivre was infectious won over one and all. With gratitude, we acknowledged the graciousness of Archbishop Salvatore in giving us his time and bringing immense gladness and sunshine into the lives of so many children.



Blessed Mother Teresa

BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS (1910 ~ 2010)



"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."—Mother Teresa

On 26 August, the school celebrated the Birth Centenary of one of world's most recognized and loved spiritual leaders, Mother Teresa, who has inspired millions with her extraordinary compassion and selfless service to the poor, the ill and the outcast. She joined Loreto in 1930. She says "In Loreto... I

was very happy... I think the happiest nun." However she answered a deeper voice, and in 1950 founded the Missionaries of Charity.

The celebration was a passionate tribute to Mother Teresa's deep hope and abiding faith and was spread over many days. Her life, work and message were reinforced by the students of all classes from V to XII as they assayed role plays at the morning assembly. Each class presented an anecdote from the Blessed Mother's inspiring life, the students thus 'becoming a link that forms a chain of love'. These enactments were our homage to the immortal soul who believed "It is not the magnitude of our



actions but the love we put in them that matters." Complimentary bookmarks bearing her inspirational quotes were distributed among the staff and students of the school, further reiterating her message.



Mother Teresa (center), Sr. Lourdes (second from right), Sr. Rosario (right) with guests

ANYWAY

*People are often unreasonable,
Irrational and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind,
People may accuse you of selfish
Ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful,
You will win some false friends
And some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank,
People may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building
Someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness,
They may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today,
People will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have;
And it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you have
You've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis,
It's between you and your God;
It's not between you and men
Anyway.*

*(Mother Teresa hung a copy of this poem on a wall of the orphanage she founded in Calcutta.)
Her source is unknown.)*



Societal Concerns

In the month of December when the city was reeling under severe cold wave conditions, a hundred blankets were distributed to the pavement dwellers and migrant labourers, the needy and the homeless living in shanties or on the streets. In the words of Mother Teresa, "To do something beautiful for God, we should do kind deeds" and this gesture by the school brought a perceptible joy and relief on their faces.

Voice against Corruption

The citizens of India have raised their voice against the rampant corruption in society and Sr. Celine, Sr. Lourdes, Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs Gautam expressed solidarity with the cause by participating in the March against Corruption Rally organized at the Ramlila Grounds on 30 January 2011 to coincide with the Martyrs' Day.

Cancer Awareness

On 6 February 2011 the Principal, Ms A. Davies, Ms N. Davis, Ms Gurpreet Kaur, Ms Bindu Jaggi and 31 students of our school went for the Walk for Cancer Awareness organized by The Indian Cancer Society. This walk is organized every year on International Cancer Awareness Day on the first Sunday of February. This year the walk was scheduled to start and end at the Navy Children's School, Chanakyapuri.

This walk of about 1.9 km length had been tailored to the energy levels of participating patients and those who have survived the aftermath of the dreaded disease.

The guests of honour, the Army Chief, General V.K. Singh and the renowned athlete of Olympic Games, Mr. Milkha Singh, joined the young participants in the walk.

Patients, caregivers, well wishers and students of various schools and colleges along with representatives from the Army, Navy and Coast Guard joined in to spread the word, "Cancer is curable when detected early".



Safeguarding and Protecting children

Sr. Celine and Sr. Lourdes visited Lucknow from 25 to 27 October 2010, accompanied by Ms. R. Ranjan, Ms A. Cherian and Ms R. Oberoi to attend a seminar conducted by Sr. Helen. The forum provided a platform for formulating the Loreto policy for 'Safeguarding and Protecting children' in all Loreto Institutions across the country.

A policy statement and Code of Conduct in keeping with the objective of promoting and implementing a child-centric approach have been drafted in school. It seeks to ensure that impediments like self stress, family problems, aggression, and overwork do not adversely affect the work environment.

Students' Council 2010 ~ 2011

On 10 April 2010 The INVESTITURE CEREMONY of the Students' Council 2010- 2011 was held.



The elected members of the Council took the oath of office to serve the school diligently. On this occasion all the students assembled in the quadrangle to pray for God's blessing on the school and the newly-elected school leaders. Parents of the council members were invited to the solemn ceremony.



Seated : Fona Romals, Anahita Gupta, Noopur Lakra, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. R. Ranjan, Damandeep Kaur Dang, Mallika Sen, Alisha Anand
Standing: Kriti Pariani, Sanchita Sabharwal, Savneet Kaur, Arushi Sahni, Shivali Bhatti, Akshita Yadav, Manju Philip, Dharamjot Kaur, Aishwarya Sastry, Aditi Bishnoi

Head Girl <i>Damandeep Kaur Dang</i>	Vice Head Girl <i>Akshita Yadav</i>	Sports Captain <i>Noopur Lakra</i>	Games Prefect <i>Shivali Bhatti</i>
BALL HOUSE	Captain <i>Anahita Gupta</i>	Vice Captain <i>Arushi Sahni</i>	Prefect <i>Savneet Kaur</i>
HART HOUSE	Captain <i>Mallika Sen</i>	Vice Captain <i>Manju Philip</i>	Prefect <i>Dharamjot Kaur</i>
WALSH HOUSE	Captain <i>Alisha Anand</i>	Vice Captain <i>Aishwarya Sastry</i>	Prefect <i>Aditi Bishnoi</i>
WARD HOUSE	Captain <i>Fona Romals</i>	Vice Captain <i>Sanchita Sabharwal</i>	Prefect <i>Kriti Pariani</i>



LORETO GIRLS WIN LAURELS AT THE CBSE

The CBSE awards Certificate of Merit in each subject to the top 0.1% of the successful candidates in order to recognize their merit and outstanding performance at its Senior School Certificate Examinations. We are proud to say that the following nine students of Loreto Convent have been awarded the Certificate of Merit in the Board Examination held in March 2010.

Ankita Kumar - English	Isha Prabhakar - English	Nikhita Wason - English
Himantika Malik - English	Akansha Solanki - English	Arshdeep Kaur Saluja - English
Niharika - English	Sakshi Chaudhary - English	Sukriti Sood - English

CLASS X (2009 ~ 2010)



PARUL RAWAT

Principal's award for highest score in class X examination



DISHA DAS

Kriti Mehra Science Award for highest score in Science



REVATI CHOWGHULE

Meenakshi Roy award for truly imbibing the Loreto values of loyalty, sincerity and dedication

Highest Grade Point – 10 (A1) was secured by:-

- 73 students of Social Science
- 59 students of Mathematics
- 24 students of Science
- 23 students of English
- 4 students of Hindi

• Overall Highest Grade was secured by:-

- Parul Rawat 9.8
- Shreya Bishnoi – 9.8
- Namrata Mahajan – 9.8
- Roshni Santosh – 9.8

ACHIEVERS' GALLERY

CLASS XII (2009 ~ 2010)



Highest in Science Stream
Hansveen Lamba 464 / 500 (93%)



Highest in Commerce Stream
Ankita Kumar 462 / 500 (92%)

PHYSICS

Devika Sondhi	91
---------------	----

CHEMISTRY

Tanya Kumar	94
-------------	----

BIOLOGY

Hansveen Lamba	97
----------------	----

ENGLISH

Nikita Wason	96
--------------	----

Himantika Malik	96
-----------------	----

ECONOMICS

Ameya Gupta	95
-------------	----

Nitya Behl	95
------------	----

Radhika Nanda	95
---------------	----

Rasna Bajwa	95
-------------	----

Sukriti Sood	95
--------------	----

MATHS

Hansveen Lamba	95
----------------	----

Sanya Dhillion	95
----------------	----

Tanushi Pandey	95
----------------	----

BUSINESS STUDIES

Megha Jacob	95
-------------	----

Nikita Wason	95
--------------	----

Radhika Nanda	95
---------------	----

Shreya Boora	95
--------------	----

ACCOUNTANCY

Ameya Gupta	95
-------------	----

Ankita Kumar	95
--------------	----

Isha Prabhakar	95
----------------	----

Kanishka Jain	95
---------------	----

Mehak Goel	95
------------	----

Radhika Nanda	95
---------------	----

Rasna Bajwa	95
-------------	----

INFORMATICS

Ambika Kalsi	95
--------------	----

Mary Ward Scholarship

The objective is to provide scholarship to meritorious students from class V to IX and XI. The following students won this Scholarship this year.



JANNAT BABBAR 5A



LYDIA HAOKIP 5B



NAVNEETA SHANKAR 6



TEENA BANJAMIN 6A



PRATHISHTA DIWAKAR 7A



DIYVA KUMAR 7B



MALLIKA SINGLA 8A



PRANIKA MASSEY 8B



JYOTSNA SINGH 9C



SHERIN THOMAS 9B



SRISHTI JAIN 11A



MANJU PHILIP 11A



VRINDA CHAWLA 11A



AADYA MAGOTRA 8C

The Principal's Award

Vrinda Chawla of class XI and Aadya Magotra of class VIII won the award for upholding the core values of Loreto.

Green Warriors

Each class was given points for being the most environmentally inclined.

The Green Warrior Trophy for the most environmentally friendly class is awarded to V A.



V A won the Green Warrior Trophy as well as the Best Classroom Boards Award in Middle School



NIOS won the Best Classroom Board in Secondary School

Gold Certificate in all five subjects was awarded to the following students:-

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jyotsna Singh IX C | 6. Janvi Singh VII A | 11. Prerna Khanna VII C |
| 2. Niharika Shankar VII A | 7. Divya Kumar VII B | 12. Tanya Gupta VI A |
| 3. Vidhi Gandotra VII A | 8. Rachita Puri VII B | 13. Navneeta Shankar VI B |
| 4. Pratishtha Diwakar VII A | 9. Niharika Tomar VII B | 14. Arunima Jaiswal VI C |
| 5. Ishita Sachdeva VII A | 10. Fiza Jaggi VII C | 15. Jannat K. Babbar V A |

International Assessments for Indian Schools

STATE TOPPERS

Loreto Convent School has the distinction of being one of the fifteen schools in the state which has an EAA-Macmillan Medal winner. The Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales and Macmillan Publishers India Ltd award these medals only to the toppers of each state in each subject at each class level.

We are proud to say that six students of our school have been awarded medals by EAA-Macmillan for securing the highest grade across Delhi in 2010 IAIS.

NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT
Akanksha Mahajan	III	English and Mathematics
Riya John	IV	English
Teena Benjamin	VI	English
Pratishtha Diwakar	VII	English
Anusha Sinha	VIII	English and Computer Skills
Inosha Dhingra	X	English



We are Proud of...

Anusha Sinha of VIII B was the winner of English Essay writing competition held in Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, She secured the second position in Caricature Drawing competition held at St. Anthony's Sr. Sec School. Second position in the Spelling Bee competition held at Carmel Convent. Anusha also got the Second Position in a Zonal Drawing Competition held at Sarvodaya Vidyalaya.



Discover India Quiz with Anupam Kher' - Anusha Sinha was selected for the Preliminary Round of 'Discover India Quiz with Anupam Kher'. She reached the semifinals after clearing the City and the North Regional Round. Anusha was in Mumbai from 7 to 9 January 2011. The school felicitated her with a token of appreciation for this achievement.

Sanskriti Sharma and Akshyata Upadhyay of VIII C won a prize for the Best Presentation in the Little Chef Competition held at the Carmel Convent on 27 July.



Ojaswita Bhushan of class X B won the first prize in the Zonal Hindi Poem recitation competition at SKV on 16 August.



15 students of class V won the second prize in the Group Song Category of 'Symphony Music Competition' on 28th July in Carmel Convent.

Aishwarya Raj of class IX A got the first prize in Hindi Slogan Writing and Anjali Tigga of class X A won the second prize in Slogan Writing in English organized by Venu Eye Institute on 19 August.



Maxfort School organized an Inter-School Patriotic Song Singing Competition on 14th August. Alisha Joseph of XI A won the third prize for solo singing and the instruments were played by Kriti Sharma. Twelve senior girls who participated in group singing won the second prize. The participants won the overall rolling trophy of the event.

A team comprising of Mallika Sen, Aarzoo Sobti and Palak Mahajan received the second prize in a competition organized on Brand Advertising held in the Mount St. Mary's School on 21 August.

Jyotsana Singh of IX C won the First Prize in English Extempore held at Kendriya Vidyalaya on 23 August.



Deeksha Kohli of class XI A won the second prize in the category of Sufi songs at a Zonal Singing Competition in Ghitroni on 4 September.



Tanushree Baijal of Class X C, Khadija Khan and Kriti Sharma of IX C brought home the Rolling Trophy for the Best Team while Kriti won the second prize at Spring Dales School, Dhaula Kuan in a Poetry Recitation Competition on 26 August.

Devyani Rustagi of VIII C and Shiksha Pandey of VII A won the second prize in Face Painting Competition on 30 August at Navy Children School.



Purva Takkar of XII A secured the Best Interjector prize in a Debate Competition at Navy Children School.



Arundhati Tewari, Diksha Gurung and Kavya Singh of IX B and Avni Bhasin of IX A participated in a Newspaper Design Competition and won the first prize on 31 August at Navy Children School.



Radhika Thakur, Mrinal Pathak and Meenakshi of VII B, and Mansimran Kaur of VI C, won the second prize in Parthna Geet Gayan, held on 31 August at Navy Children School.



Alisha Joseph of class XI A won the third prize in classical singing and a consolation prize in Bhajan Singing (Solo) in zonals on 4 September.



Dharamjyot Kaur was adjudged the best speaker at a Zonal Debate Competition held on 30 September at St. Francis De Sales. The team comprising of Vrinda Chawla, Bhawna Sharma and Kanika Vasishth of XI A won the Team Runners up Trophy.



Vrinda Chawla of XI A was awarded the second prize in the Best Actor category for the play 'The Dear Departed' held at Carmel Convent on 12 November.



Lavanya Badola of X A was the second Runner up in the Zonal Hindi Debate held at SKV on 17 August.



Inter-School Competitions

- 16 April - Three students participated in the QUIZ organized by TERI on 'Energy and Climate Change' at Sr. Nivedita Sarvodaya School, Defence Colony.
- Five students participated in the Story-Telling Competition, 'Folk Tales on Environmental Wisdom' and two senior students of class XII participated in the debate, 'The Current Development Model of India Complements Sustainable Growth Strategies' organized by TERI, located in the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- 20 April - Two students took part in the Painting Competition conducted by TERI on the topic, 'Love Mother Earth' at the National Science Centre, New Delhi.
- 21 April - A group of students participated in the Inter-School Dance Competition organized by TERI. The topic, was 'Celebrating the Spirit of Life' in consonance and harmony with the five natural elements.
- 22 April - Three senior students participated in the NCS Conclave held at Navy Children's School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The topic was 'Empowerment of Women'.
- 24 April - Sanchita Malhotra of class XI A participated in the
- 26 April - Arunima Hakhu and Meher Dhooman Of Class XII B participated in the Debate Competition held at Presentation Convent and the topic was 'Gender Equality is not achieved by Parliamentary Seats'.
- 27 April - Dandi March Rolling Trophy - Anahita Gupta of XII B participated in the Inter-School Hindi Elocution competition organized by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at Gandhi Smriti, Tees January Marg, New Delhi.
- 28 April - Senior students, Gunjan Kaur, Saneera Dev, Vallari Cariappa, Sanchita Malhotra, Paritosha Grover Anand, participated in an Inter-School Drama competition hosted by St. Anthony School, Hauz Khas. The one-act-play presented by our students was based on Anton Chekov's play 'The Defenceless Creature'.
- 28 April - Middle school art competition (caricature) was organized for class VI, VII and VIII.
- 19 July - Three senior girls of class XI and XII took part in an English debate in Carmel Convent.
- 20 July - Soumya Mishra and Vashitaa Sethi of class IX C participated in Web Designing competition in Carmel Convent.
- 22 July - Ambica Bora and Archisa Punia class VIII A participated in an English debate in Carmel Convent.
- 28 July - Sanskriti Sharma of VIII C and Anusha Sinha of VIII B participated in the Spelling Bee contest at Carmel Convent.
- 29 July - Nine students participated in various competitions held in Don Bosco School, Alaknanda. They included Maths Quiz, Symposium, Eureka, Cyber Quest, Sigma and painting.
- 6 August - Three senior students participated in the Bible Quiz organized by Holy Child School, Tagore Garden.
- 10 August - Manvi Sharma of VIII C and Shreya Singh of XII B participated in the Zonal Essay Writing competition, both in Hindi and English held.
- 16 August - Four senior girls took part in Poetry Recitation Competition both in English and Hindi.
- 17 August - Pragya Misra and Priyanka Gupta of class VIII A participated in Zonal Debate competition in English.
- 18 August - Inayat Shanghalya of class VIII A took part in Hindi Shloka recitation at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya.
- 19 August - Aadya Magotra and Akshita Upadhyay of class VIII C participated in the Calligraphy Competition organized by Sarvodaya Vidyalaya.



- 19 August - Four senior girls participated in Zonal Slogan Writing Competition.
- 19 August - Two competitions, a Poster-Designing and Slogan-Writing Competition were organized by Venu Eye Institute. Twenty four students participated in these activities.
- 20 August - Four senior girls took part in Zonal Declamation.
Charu Kandpal and Virangana Shah of XI B participated in a symposium, 'Artonomics', held in Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt.
Several senior girls of Class X, XI and NIOS took part in three competitions – Just a Minute, Rangoli, and Mime – held in Don Bosco School.
- 21 August - Students participated in Western Music competition held in Don Bosco, both in the Solo and Group category.
Four girls took part in the Zonal On the Spot Painting competition.
- 21 August – Anusha Sinha and Ragini Dadwal of VIII B participated in an English Debate held at Shree Ram School.
- 22 August- Four girls participated in the Zonal Extempore Speech.
- 23 August - 16 senior girls participated in the Nukkad Natak.
- 26 August -. The team comprising of
 - Two girls participated in a competition held in Gandhi Smriti.
 - 20 girls took part in the Zonal Patriotic Song.
- 30 August - 17 girls of class XI took part in the Zonal Dance Competition held at SKV School, Rajokri.
- Macmillan India organizes the International Assessment for Indian Schools every year and this academic year these tests were held on August 30 and 31.
- 31 August - Thirty three students participated in a series of competitions that included Knowing Tagore, Stamp Mania, Declamation, Newspaper Design, Celebrating Tagore, If I was..., Lend me your ears organized by the Navy Children School, Chanakyapuri . It was part of an event to pay tribute to Rabindranath Tagore.
- 8 September - Two girls of Class VIII participated in the state level Wild Wisdom Quiz 2010, held at WWF – India Secretariat.
- 23 September - Two girls took part in a Hindi Debate, held in St. Michael S.S.S, Pusa Road.
- 2 November - Several students participated in various competitions such as Spellathon, Pot Decoration, Origami, Taran (Solo and Group), held in Mater Dei School, Tilak Lane, New Delhi.
- 8 December - Aishwarya Shastri and Bhawna Sharma of XI B participated in the COMONOMICS Quiz at Manav Sthali School.
- 10 November - Five girls of Class XI participated in the Inter-School Extempore.
- 12 November - Sonika Oberoi, Vrinda Chawla, Bhawna Sharma, Aditi Bishnoi, Dharamjot Kaur, Sanchita Malhotra and Kriti Sharma of Class XI participated in the Inter-School Dramatics Competition held in Carmel Convent called 'The Dear Departed'.
- 12 December - Eight girls of Class VIII participated in various competitions organized by the Indian Postal Service.
- Debate Competition held in YWCA, Ashoka Road. The theme was related to Women's Empowerment.

Smart Class

The highlight of the academic session 2010-2011 has been the introduction of Edu Comp Smart Class.

The session started with a lot of excitement for the students of classes III - VII with these Smart Classes. The novelty associated with the screen has translated into better involvement of the students in the process of learning. They now have the opportunity of hands-on experience of the latest technology and make learning much more enjoyable. The classroom of the future has already made its presence in the school.



Students are now able to visualise abstract concepts and correlate them with day-to-day life. The Smart class enhances students' ability to remember and recall. Students who are easily distracted are more focused now thanks to the Smart class.

It is an aid which enables the teacher to explain the fine points of a topic, zoom and show the relevant visuals, freeze and annotate when and where required, to emphasize a particular point.

It helps the teacher to gain complete attention and interest of every student in the class.

Edu Comp is a more effective way of teaching and gives an accurate understanding of concepts.

Thereafter the teacher can ask multiple choice questions which are designed to assess learning achieved at different cognitive levels in that specific lesson.

Another advantage of the Edu Comp is that at the end of the class the teacher can display a set of SAS questions which the students answer and they are thereby evaluated. This motivates the students to be attentive in the class and keeps them at par with present technology.

It also enables the teacher to have instant formative assessment of learning outcomes in class. The Edu Comp classes have been modified to ease the access to various lessons. The navigation between topics is possible and it is user friendly.

In order to gain the attention of students to key points in a lesson, they are highlighted with attractive colour schemes. The overall academic performance of students has shown remarkable improvement and the class becomes more interactive and interesting. It is also observed that students look forward to the Edu Comp Smart Class.

On the whole Smart Class has improved the teaching-learning process considerably.



Workshops and Seminars

- ❖ 6 April - The DNA Club organized an informative talk on **Biodiversity** in the Activity Hall. It was conducted by a professor from IIT, Delhi, Dr. Biswajit Kundu, Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology. The topic of the lecture was 'The Workhorses of Life: Taming and Making Them Work for Us'. The topic aroused much interest among the students of Class XI and XII, who attended the function. His talk about the complex functioning of the proteins making up the muscle fibres of the body was accompanied by a number of interesting slides, making the topic more coherent and fun to learn.

- ❖ 9 April - Mrs. Seema Raizada attended a seminar organized by Times NIE on the topic **De-Stress Learning**.



Living a Successful Life.'

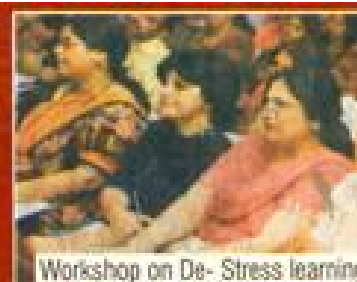
- ❖ 29 April - Class XI and XII attended a talk by Ms. Aparna Nair from an institute which provides students with useful insights in various career options. An interaction with 'Career Milestone' may help students in making the right choice.
- ❖ 3 May - DNA Club organized a lecture on **Insect Biodiversity**, conducted by Dr. Mahapatro, IARI Pusa Institute. DNA Club members and Biology students of class XI and XII attended the talk.
- ❖ 8 May - The introductory session of the Parent-Teacher Meeting was held for all classes on Saturday. A talk by Dr. Anu Singh on 'How to handle Adolescence' and 'Career Counselling' was also organized for parents and students of class XI and XII.

15 June - Ms. S. Aggarwal participated in a course organized by CBSE for Physical Education teachers at LNUPE, Gwalior.

- ❖ A seminar was held in Kolkata on 26 and 27 June to discuss plans for the Mary Ward Resource Development Centre, India and to carry forward the movement from Charity to Justice. Sr. Margo who coordinates the projects of Mary Ward International globally, spoke about Mary Ward Ministry and Mission and submitted her report about her visits to various schools and projects in the Province and presented reflections.

Sr. Cyril discussed the Right to Education Act to the benefit of all the participants. Mrs. Chandra attended the seminar as a representative of Loreto Delhi.

- ❖ 30 June - A staff seminar on Personal Effectiveness was organized. During the seminar Dr. Steven Covey's The Seven habits of Effective People were discussed. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Manish Jain and Mr. Sumit Mukherjee. The staff members benefited from the interactive session that was held in the renovated air-conditioned Activity Hall.
- ❖ 3 July - A talk by Procter & Gamble was organized for class VIII in which mothers were also invited.
- ❖ 16 July - Mrs A. Davies and Mrs R.Ranjan attended a Workshop organized by the University of Malta at Alcon International School. The resource person, Mr. Ian Thompson initiated discussions on Action-Centered Leadership about the concept of leadership and its continuous development.



Workshop on De- Stress learning



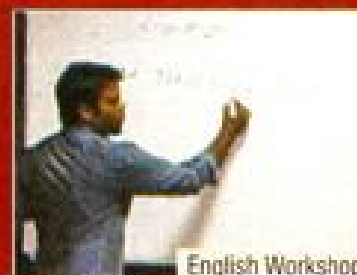
Talk on Career Planning



Talk on 'How to handle Adolescence



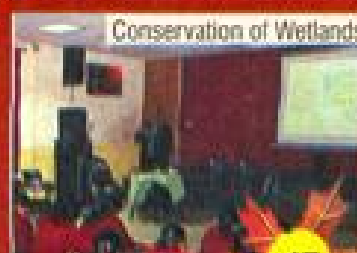
Communication Skills workshop



English Workshop



INDIPEX



Conservation of Wetlands

- ❖ 29 July - A workshop on communication skills was held for class 9 and 10.
- ❖ 29 July - Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Chandra attended a seminar on motivation in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The chief guest, Steve Waugh shared with the delegates his ideas on the making of a winning team.
- ❖ 18 August - DNA club members visited the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) museum where they learnt about various technological advances in the agricultural fields.
- ❖ 24 August - Christian teachers attended a workshop in St. Columba's School in which discussions were held on the recent challenges in education.
- ❖ A Philately Workshop was organized by India Post for class VI and VII on 31 August. On 14 February 2011 class V to VII visited the INDIPEX, the Philately Exhibition in New Delhi.
- ❖ A team from Ryan International School visited Loreto School on 31 August 2010 and later on 8 February 2011 for CCE evaluation.
- ❖ 7 September - A workshop was organized by Educomp to train teachers of class V- VII. The contents of Educomp classes were subsequently upgraded and the teachers using Smart Class underwent a refresher training session on 18 Jan 2011.
- ❖ On 16 September, the occasion of the International Ozone Day, Department of Environment, Govt of NCT of Delhi organized a workshop. It was held in the Auditorium, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi. Mrs. Chopra and Mrs. Chandani attended the workshop.
- ❖ Mr.Arpan Stephen, a Phonetics expert trained by the British Council, New Delhi conducted an English workshop for students of classes V to X from the 16 September 2010 to 30 September 2010.

The nine day workshop opened the world of sounds anew for the students by creating a high level of awareness to learning syllable stress, phonetics, intonation and improving their pronunciation. The trainer focused on the differences between English and Hindi which helped students understand the finer nuances of English sounds, highlighting minor differences between them.

The trainer taught the students how to divide a word into syllables. He also taught the difference between the V and W sounds, during the pronunciation of which biting the lips and rounding of lips respectively should take place. He also dealt at length on the topic of diphthongs, rules of pronouncing nouns and verbs, syllable stress, phonetic list, and plosives p, t and k.

The students of middle school sought to acquire the right techniques while those of the secondary classes attempted to change their set patterns of speech. The fun-filled team games, group activities, tongue twisters and slides incorporated into the training capsule made the learning and reinforcement enjoyable...

English workshop was so different from the usual classroom teaching. Aruna Chawla X A

The workshop helped me to improve my language, spoken and written. – Ojaswita X B

- ❖ A talk on Career options was conducted by a team from International Institute of Financial Markets Ltd on 17 September for the benefit of students of class XII.
- ❖ A seminar on 'Safeguarding and Protecting children' was conducted at Lucknow from 25 to 27 of October 2010 by Sr. Helen. It was attended by Sr. Celine, Sr. Lourdes, Ms Ratna Ranjan, Ms A. Cherian and Ms Rupinder Oberoi.
- ❖ 10 December - A staff seminar about protection of children against physical, mental, emotional abuse was conducted in the Activity Hall. The school practices are based on Gospel values and IBVM philosophy. Our attitudes should reflect these values in our day-to-day lives. The seminar concluded on 14 December.
- ❖ On 26 Jan 2011 Mrs. Davies attended the **International Conference on Development in Assessment and Scope of assessment in Teaching and Learning** organized by CBSE. It covered best assessment practices. The topics discussed included the following.
 - Using assessment to monitor teacher effectiveness.
 - Developing support systems.
 - Policy changes for improved assessments.
- ❖ 23 February 2011 - The DNA Club organized a talk on the 'Conservation of Wetlands' for class IX.

Outreach Programmes

*How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a weary world.*

~ William Shakespeare

Our school motto – 'Receive That You May Give' - is the guiding light behind the various outreach programmes conducted by the school. It provides the students with an opportunity to express gratitude for the many blessings of God through community service. The concern for the fellow humans extends beyond monetary or material contributions translating as loving words and caring deeds. The students learn the inherent value underlying the quote of 'It is when you give of yourself that you truly give', devoting time to the less privileged.



The students and teachers visit several Homes for the disadvantaged, learning valuable lessons - to be more sensitive and to put others before self, laying foundation for more compassionate and caring citizens of our society.



JEEVAN REKHA

Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light. ~Norman B. Rice

Jeevan Rekha is an evening school, an initiative by Loreto Convent School to provide free academic guidance to students from poor families from Jharera village. The school provides infrastructural support and five teachers have been engaged to teach students using the facility.

An opportunity to empower young girls has also been created with the introduction of vocational classes like Tailoring Course, Beautician Course, Mehndi Application, and Computer literacy. Several student volunteers help their teachers after regular school hours in conducting these special classes. Class V and VI are involved in these activities.

Tailoring Course is for a duration of 9 month. They are taught to cut and tailor garments for children and women. There are at present 18 students. They also wear with pride what they have tailored. With their expertise they are inspired to prepare their own wedding trousseau. They have not only enhanced their skill but also developed their self esteem.

Beautician Course is for a duration of 6 months. They are taught the basics of beauty and skin care. They also learn how to drape a sari and carry themselves with dignity and poise. Their practical skills were demonstrated before 16 school teachers. 12 young girls of Jharera were awarded certificates of the course.

The year commenced with an Awards Ceremony. The Provincial, Sr. Antoinette lit the ceremonial lamp on the occasion and also awarded achievers of the previous year with certificates while those who did well in tailoring were given prizes.



Computer Course

Seven students from Jharera village enrolled for a two month computer course organized by Jeevan Rekha from 2 October 2010. In the class of two hours each student got half an hour daily to learn this new skill. Computer teachers and JPIC teachers supervised the classes on rotation basis.

Several enthusiastic student volunteers from classes VII, VIII, IX and X shared their knowledge and expertise to mentor these learners, adapting their skills to explain difficult concepts to make the neo-literates understand them better. Comprehension of English words and computer terminology was equally tough. They were taught word processing and they created their own email account which was a unique experience for them.

This golden opportunity empowered the students of Jeevan Rekha and helped them acquire self-confidence.

The children of Jeevan Rekha were special guests as the school celebrated the Children's Day on 12 November. The Apostolic Nuncio gladly accepted our invitation and distributed the gifts to all the children. Needless to say, they enjoyed the refreshments of the program.

On 9 December, the students also celebrated Christmas and their **Sports Day** with senior citizens in the far field. A March Past, drills, newspaper race and three legged race were the highlights of the Sports Day.



They were tickled pink with the idea of a special Sports Day and practised with enormous energy and delight. The Jeevan Rekha teachers were filled with pride that they were given such a golden opportunity. Those that proved their mettle were awarded prizes and all were thrilled with the events of the day.

"I was anchoring their prize distribution day and felt very happy. Those girls were delighted when they received certificates."

Sirjana Singh

Blankets were distributed among the senior citizens and it was followed by a sumptuous lunch. Student volunteers participated in these events actively.

"My friends and I stayed back and helped our teacher in organizing and managing of tailoring classes for these girls. It am really enriched by this experience."

Sana Panghal

"They were very kind and had lot of patience. I felt very good as some of them called me, 'ma'am' but I told them to call me by my name. They are much older than me."

Tanvi Nara

"It was our pleasure to be chosen for this responsibility of helping those students. Their thirst to learn was intense and they were willing to work very hard."

Arunika Singh

CLASS XI A AND B

The students of class XI A and B visited the Jeevan Jyoti Home on 21 February 2011 as part of the outreach programme that aims at sensitizing students towards the needs of the underprivileged. The girls carried stationery articles such as pens, pencils, crayons, colour pencils, note-books and registers. Toiletries like soaps, shampoos, detergent powder, diapers, toothbrushes and toothpaste were part of the gifts taken. Food items like chocolates, biscuits, cakes, wafers, sweets and packets of

"The experience was heart-warming and inspiring as spending time with those children taught us the real meaning of life. We realized that we should be thankful to God for all that He has given us and thankful to our parents, whose love and care help us tide over every difficulty."

Sonika Oberoi XI B

"Interacting with those lively souls there and seeing their zest for life was an inspiring and humbling experience, making us realize our countless blessings, which are generally taken for granted."

Saumya Deol XI A

Bournvita, Horlicks, cornflakes and condensed milk and fresh fruits were also taken as required by the orphanage. Dresses which were taken included pyjamas, sweaters and mufflers.

A visit to such homes creates a lasting impression in the hearts and minds of students. It is able to develop a special bond of friendship, love and compassion for their fellow beings. It also teaches children to imbibe qualities of sharing with the less fortunate.

CLASS VII A, B AND C

If we could all hear one another's prayers, God might be relieved of some of his burdens. ~Ashleigh Brilliant

The house known as 'Jeevan Jyoti' was established by Mother Teresa for the orphaned and physically and mentally challenged. Since its inception, the orphanage has undertaken a lot of developmental activities.

At present the Home has fifty inmates, ranging from 5 months to 14 years old. Children are accommodated according to their age and type of disability they suffer from. Some of them suffer from Down syndrome as well. They are looked after by nuns and young girls who have dedicated their life to social service. The inmates undergo physiotherapy and ayurvedic treatment.

Despite their limitations, they possess the spirit to live and learn, to welcome each day with a smile thanks to the selfless service of many others.

The visit to the Jeevan Jyoti Orphanage was an eye-opener for the students of class VII. They had a unique experience of seeing first-hand the lives of some less privileged, physically challenged children. In spite of being rejected by their parents, they live a happy and contented life in the orphanage.

"Most of us were moved to tears when we saw the challenges that they face."

Niharika Shankar, VII A

The students of class VII visited Jeevan Jyoti. They interacted with the children in groups of three. The differently-abled children welcomed the visitors who played and interacted with them. The visitors also sang hymns to entertain the inmates who enthusiastically joined to sing in chorus.

They saw some small children who were playing with an abacus; some were sitting around a table and doing homework. In one room a few children were undergoing physiotherapy. A boy was taking support of the walls to exercise his limbs.

The students donated inner and clothes for the children of Jeevan Jyoti.

"The visit was an insight to the harsh realities of life. It was a very touching experience. Tears welled up in our eyes. After this experience, we learnt to be thankful to God for everything. We pray for a better future for the less privileged. We thank God for giving us such lovely parents who do everything for us."

Urv Rishi VII B

It was a touching experience and made us realize the value of whatever we have.

Saumya Rachel VIIC

CLASS XII A AND B

St. Antony's Orphanage managed by nuns, presently houses 70 girls of various age groups who study from classes I-XII.

The students of class XII A and B visited the orphanage on 20 January 2011. They had been briefed earlier about the requirements of the inmates of the orphanage. Therefore they took with them articles like toiletries, packed food items, stationery items, and garments like pyjamas, shirts, sweaters, stoles etc. The visitors presented an entertainment programmes and within a short span of time, the inmates shed their inhibitions to participate enthusiastically in the games organized for them. It was a day to remember for both the visitors and the inmates as they interacted with each other.

Class IX A, B and C

God has not called us to see through each other, but to see each other through. ~Author Unknown

Shanti Avedna Ashram, a cancer hospice that is located next to Safdarjung Hospital, aims to provide symptom based care and solace to the patients along with love and compassion in the final stage of the disease. Palliative care is provided through an inter-disciplinary team upholding the quality and dignity of its inmates in the waning years of their lives.

For the first time, we were able to look beyond our luxurious lives and see the world of suffering and pain."

Jyotsna Singh, IX C

Class IX A, Class IX B and Class IX C visited the Institute on 22 January 2011, 17 February and 3 February respectively.

It was an experience that left a deep impact on many. They

interacted with the patients and shared anecdotes, jokes and stories. They sang hymns and popular Bollywood numbers which some of the inmates joined in.

The students of class IX collected articles required by the institute. They took with them cereals, lentils, milk powder, custard powder, jam, wheat and oatmeal porridge, cornflakes, juice packets, Bournvita, Horlicks

and biscuits. Fresh fruits and toiletries like soaps, toothpaste and brush and shampoo were also taken. The girls interacted with the patients sharing vignettes of their lives with each other.

God often gives us a clue, a hint of what real pain is. But the strength and courage of the inmates, despite all odds, left us awe-struck

Shubhangi Singh, IX A



"We listened with awe when a girl with an amputated leg told us that she was fond of dancing. She was looking forward to giving her class IX exam"

Aditi Kulshrestha, IX B

Class X A, B and C

We can do no great things, only small things with great love ~Mother Teresa

The old age home in the Rosary School campus at Kingsway Camp offers service and care to the age group of 60-90 years. It is run by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. People from different parts of the country and diverse backgrounds have found a sanctuary here after being either abandoned by their families or left alone after the death of their spouses.

The students of class X visited the Home and interacted with the inmates. The children were very enthusiastic to perform dances and sing songs to entertain the residents. The nostalgic inmates also joined in, singing old Hindi film songs. The girls generously contributed several items for the use of the senior citizens. They took with them packets of rice, wheat flour, sugar, Horlicks and other essential items as a gesture of affection to the elderly. The inmates shared anecdotes of their lives with the visitors. The visit was a 'bright spark' in their otherwise mundane lives.

"By the time we were to leave, it felt like saying goodbye to dear old friends."

Sneha Singh X C

"The residents were young at heart and showed a lot of enthusiasm. We cherish our conversation with them"

Roli Rai X B

"We left the place with heavy heart lots of blessings and a firm resolution to take care of our elders."

Pratishtha Mangain X A

Class VIII A, B and C

*I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing
God who is sending a love letter to the world.
"Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojarhiu)*

Holy Family Asha Niwas Social Service Centre, Najafgarh, is an orphanage run by the congregation of the Holy Family. The nuns offer their service and look after about fifty poor children. They provide shelter, education and rehabilitation to the street girls in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The inmates are girls between 4 and 18 years old who have suffered exploitation in several forms. The centre aims to make the children an integral part of the society, empowering them with computer skills, stitching, making artificial flowers etc.



The students took with them a number of utility items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, slippers, socks, bed sheets and buckets. Stationery items like note books, pens, pencils, erasers were also taken besides food items like sugar, lentils, biscuits, jam, sauce, cheese, chocolates, etc.

Students of class VIII A, VIII B and VIII C visited the orphanage on 27 September 2010, 23 November and 2 February 2011 respectively. The inmates sang songs, performed dances and interacted with the visitors who also presented an entertainment programme for them eliciting cheerful responses. VIII C had prepared a game called 'Putting the Bindi on a Face'

"The visit made me realize how fortunate I am to have all the amenities that those children don't have."

Ambika Varma VIII C

Their expressive eyes reflected the fact that happiness has no cost."

Shanvi Kukreti VIII A

"At the end of the day each heart was filled with the joy of sharing and contentment prevailed on each face."

Sanchita Sivaraman VIII B

"Do Good and Do it Well" - Mary Ward

Retrospect

Earth Hour

On 27 March 2010 the staff and students of Loreto School showed their solidarity with the global community and showed their concern for the planet, by observing the EARTH Hour on that day between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. The DNA club made an appeal to one and all to save electricity by switching off lights, fans and all electrical appliances as part of the global effort to take concrete steps to deal with the impending ecological disaster resulting in climate change.

New Stream

Two new subjects Computer Science and Physical Education were introduced for Class XI students.

Care For Faith

Retreats was organized for classes IV to XII and NIOS during the year.



Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated on 22 April to create awareness towards Mother Earth. Students from various classes brought saplings and planted them in the school herb garden. Middle School students made bags using biodegradable material. Secondary and senior students participated in a Quiz based on Ecology and Biodiversity respectively.

Anti Litter Campaign

LTS and JPIC members were involved in keeping the school premises clean. To promulgate the Gandhian thought 'To become the change that you wish to see', students of classes V to XII were engaged in a novel campaign to keep school premises clean and litter-free. A rostrum of class wise duty was maintained to ensure that used paper plates, napkins, chips packets and food leftovers were disposed off in an appropriate way. The quadrangle, the junior school park and the far field were cleaned up after the lunch break with the active participation of the students and guidance of the staff advisors.



Jeevan Rekha

Students from Jharera village learning Tailoring were awarded certificates on 30 April 2010.

Crowning of Mother Mary

A prayer service for the Coronation of our Lady was organized by the YCS members on 01 May 2010.



Mother's Day



Mother's Day was celebrated in school on 8 May 2010, the day an introductory Parents Teachers' meeting was scheduled. Each student presented her mother with a beautiful handmade card. Mrs Garg, the mother of Anu Garg of class XII A won herself a gift in a Lucky Draw on the occasion.



Mother's Day Celebrations

Book Fair

Four Book Fairs were held during the academic session. Book Nest and Book Tractor organized two fairs each. From 6 to 8 May a Book Fair was organized by Book Tractor in the school premises and enthusiastic book lovers benefited from it. In July approximately 50 books were added to class V and VI library.



Roli Poli

On 11 May 2010 students were introduced to Waste Management solutions.

A Visit to Malta

The 400-year old University of Malta organized a programme for Indian educationists and academicians from 14 to 19 June 2010. Ms. Agnes Davies, Ms. Ranjan and Ms. Andrews visited the island of Malta, nestled in the Mediterranean between Tunisia and Sicily. This visit, on an invitation from the High Commissioner of Malta to India, sought to explore opportunities to achieve a process of learning, relationship building and exploration.



Run with Shera

On 03 August 2010, 'Run with Shera' activity was flagged off from the school quadrangle. It was an initiative to generate the importance of exercise and sporting spirit in view of the upcoming Commonwealth Games.



Go Green !

On 25 August, the students of the middle school formed a Human Chain to spread the message of 'Go Green' in keeping with the Biodiversity theme. They bore placards bearing slogans to protect the environment.

Jeevan Rekha Computer Course

A two month Computer course was started on 21 October for the residents of Jharera village. JPIC members and classes V, VI and VII students and teachers took up supervision of these classes.

Honing Social Skills

Students of Class XII from St. Columba's School accompanied by the principal, Br. Lobo and their teachers visited our school on 22nd, a bright sunny day in the month of November. The function intended as a platform for meaningful, social interaction was a grand success. After initial ice breakers, games and other entertaining items like jam session were organized. The boys and girls of both the schools thoroughly enjoyed the evening, filled with fun and frolic. The function came to an end and the visitors left with happy memories.



Global Hand Washing Day

On the occasion of the Global Hand Washing Day, which happens to be on 15 October, a School Handwash Programme was initiated by SHARP (School Health Annual Report Programme). Its aim is to educate children on the importance of Hand Hygiene, its benefits and the right way of hand washing. It is essential to incorporate this good habit of proper hand washing with soap into our daily lives to reduce the risk of diarrhoeal diseases by half. On 23 November Sharp and Reckitt Benekiser organized a function for class IV and V in the Activity Hall. A short movie was shown with the help of LCD projector.

Annual In-House Fete



The school fete was organized on 4 December. Students, their parents and their families were invited to the fete. Their enthusiastic participation made the fete a thumping success. Everyone was in high spirits and had a good time. Many of our past pupils also joined us on that day.

The lucky draw for the raffle was organized on 6 December and prizes were distributed.

Happy Family Lucky Draw was done on the next day and three lovely hampers were given as prizes.

Musical Rendezvous At The Vatican Embassy



Our school band was invited to perform on 1 Feb 2011 at the Apostolic Nunciature. Trained by Mr. Ashish and accompanied by Sr. Lourdes and Mrs. Davies, the students sang like angels and impressed the dignitaries at the Vatican Embassy.

His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy O' Connor Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster (UK), Papal Envoy for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the visit of Pope John Paul II to India, unveiled the bronze statue of Pope John Paul II in the premises of Apostolic Nunciature. The occasion was also marked by the release of the Jubilee Souvenir which was a large bronze medallion with the imprint of the face and the words "25 Anniversary of the visit of Pope John Paul II to India 1986-2011" and on the reverse side "INDIAM IN VISIT I-X FEB MCMLXXXVI". We were the delighted recipients of one souvenir and a book titled 'God's Word for Each Day 2011'.

His Eminence Telesphore Cardinal Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi congratulated our young students and readily agreed to join them for a group photograph.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, His Grace Most Reverend Vincent M Concessao, Archbishop of Delhi, His Excellency Franco Mulackal, Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi and several heads of Christian Churches were part of the august gathering and complimented the students on the excellent choice of contemporary music.



Mary Ward Stamp

The nation honoured the vision of 'Venerable Mary Ward', the founder of the Loreto institutions by releasing a postage stamp.

A special Rs.5 stamp was issued by the Indian Post and Telegraph Department on 2 Feb 2011 to commemorate Mother Mary Ward. A First Day Cover was also released on the occasion. Sr. Celine, Sr. Lourdes and Mrs. Davies attended the stamp-releasing function held at Kolkata.

Candle Light Ceremony

A special prayer service was held for Class XII students on 4 Feb 2011.



Census & You

Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India conducts the census in our country once every ten years, one of the biggest peace time processes in the world. The objective of the programme 'Census & You' is to make all school children aware about the importance of the process of census and the significant role it plays in the progress of the country. They have a role in ensuring that the data for their family is returned correctly. Getting ourselves counted is our responsibility towards the nation.

In connection with Census 2011 a Quiz Competition was held in the middle school, in every section of classes VI, VII and VIII over a period of time in January and February. After the first round of quizzing, a final round was held and Ananya Bansal VI B won the Quiz Competition.

Health is Wealth

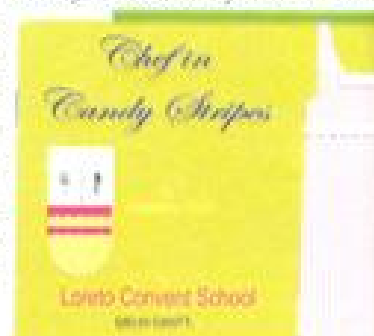
The Wellness Club introduced a programme of Healthy Food in the school canteen in February 2011. They don't believe that a balanced diet is a chocolate in both hands!



Cookery Book 'Chef in Candy Stripes'

Children's life in school should be linked to their life outside school. Our aspiring culinary experts are enthusiastically proving that fun never ends in the Cookery Club. Hopefully they have cultivated healthy lifestyles and learnt the ABCs of easy bakes, tasty snacks and quick dips. The teachers Mrs. Snehlata Russell, Mrs. Poonam Gautam and Mrs. Sunita Sharma have ensured that the kids are involved in the cooking processes and

take interest in the food they eat. And the kids love to eat what they have cooked! This book is the journey of their mixing and stirring adventures in the Home Science Lab. The launching of the Recipe Book was done by the provincial leader of IBVM, Sr. Tressia on 17 February 2011.



Adieu

On 21 March we bid farewell to three teachers Ms. Jiju Thomas, Ms. Manju Antony and Ms. Shalini Joshi.



Ms. Ranjan, Ms. Jiju



Ms. Manju Sharma, Ms. Manju Antony



Ms. Shalini Joshi, Ms. Chandra, Ms. Andrews

Queen's baton

17 student representatives from classes V to XII and the principal, Mrs. Davies along with five other teachers Ms. Bhatti, Ms. Chaudhary, Mr. Minhas, Ms. Priya, and Ms. N. Davis got a golden opportunity to attend the Reception of the Queen's Baton for the Commonwealth Games on 30 September.

The Queen's Baton, which started its journey from London last year was a triangular section of aluminium twisted into a helix shape and had a gold leaf at its helm bearing the greetings from the Queen. Its body was coated with coloured soils collected from all the regions of India.

It had an inbuilt GPS system, a camera and lights which changed colour according to the flag of the country where it was received. For students who attended the ceremony and held the baton, it was a brush with glory as the baton was the cynosure of innumerable eyes.

The Queen's Baton Rally is one of the greatest traditions of the Commonwealth Games. XIX Commonwealth Games 2010 Delhi is one of the longest relays in its history. It commenced from Buckingham Palace on 29 October 2009 and travelled through all the seventy Commonwealth Nations for 240 days. In India its relay lasted for 100 days.



One of the Loreto students, Yavnika Duhan of class IV B got a chance to travel with the baton to Panjim in Goa, Kohlapur, Satara and Pune in Maharashtra, and Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner in Rajasthan. The little girl had the privilege of holding the baton and run in the rally.

"It was a memorable experience because it was a lifetime opportunity which only a lucky few could get. When I started running with the baton, everybody around me started clapping and encouraged me. During the relay in Pune I also got the chance to hoist the Indian flag with the commonwealth mascot, Shera. As we entered Rajasthan, we were welcomed with the traditional Rajasthan pagri. When we reached Jaisalmer, the baton was carried on a camel caravan among the breath-taking sand dunes. These memories are still afresh in my mind and it will remain so in my entire life." Yavnika Duhan Class IV B



Run with Shera

The 2010 Commonwealth Games, the largest international multi-sport event to be staged in Delhi were held from 3 to 14 October 2010.

The members of the Planning Committee of the Commonwealth Games visited the school on 3 August 2010. The group was accompanied by the mascot, Shera, who visited many schools across Delhi to create enthusiasm and interest for the Commonwealth Games.

His presence created a lot of excitement among children.

A run to cover a distance of 13 km, over a week, was organized for students to initiate a feeling of solidarity with the upcoming event.

A quiz on various facets of the Commonwealth Games was also held for students of middle, senior and secondary classes on 13 August to create awareness about the event.



A SLICE OF ITALY

Steeped in history, mystery and grandeur, Italy, a peninsula nestled in the Mediterranean, seemed to be the perfect holiday destination for 23 students and 9 staff members on 10 October 2010. They touched base at the Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in Rome, the capital both of Italy and in the past of the Roman Empire.

The next day as the group proceeded to Pisa enroute to Florence, they had their first glimpse of the world renowned Italian vineyards. As they arrived at the Baptist Church, its tranquil environs provided the visitors a quiet moment for introspection. Pisa, one of the medieval maritime republics is home to the unmistakable landmark of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The visitors were left breathless by the view from atop the tower.

Later in the day they set out for Florence, driving along roads lined with majestic olive trees. An artistic, architectural and a cultural gem, Florence contains a wealth of Renaissance art treasures along streets that were once walked by the great creators like Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. On 12 October 2010, the group visited the first European University at Padova. The collegiate buildings, the oldest café all bore testimony to the city being an intrinsic centre of high learning in the Medieval Ages. The visit to St. Anthony's Basilica, the second largest basilica in the world, in the city of Padova was a journey back in time to the Renaissance era.

On the subsequent day, visitors set out to explore the romantic and picturesque city of Venice that holds an old world charm even today. Elegant Venetian buildings and palaces peer over the ancient maze of narrow cobblestone streets and labyrinth of gondola-lined canals that contrive to make this a unique city. The group soaked in the unparalleled beauty of the Adriatic Sea, St Paul's Square and St. Marks' Church before they embarked on their flight to Malta at the close of the fourth day.

The next day opened with a visit to the 400 years old University of Malta. The University faculty extended a very warm welcome to the Loreto delegation who participated in workshops and interactive sessions with the faculty. The tour of the campus and the infrastructural amenities left many students inspired to come back some day. The group was taken on a trip to the capital city of Valletta which has been officially recognised as a World Heritage Site. The Grand Harbour, the Blue Grotto, St John's Cathedral — all left the visitors overwhelmed with their grandeur.

They returned to Rome to proceed on a full day excursion to Pompeii and Naples. Pompeii is one of the sites where the ancient city has been preserved in detail, covered in the lava from the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The group set out by bus to explore Italy's third largest city, Naples which is dominated by the slopes of Mount Vesuvius and bubbles with life and colourful characters.





The grand finale of the trip was the visit to the eternal city of Rome which opens for the visitor as a living museum. Rome's timeless magic lies in its ability to blend the old with the new — the cobbled streets and the fashionable piazzas, with their inimitable Italian flair. The group visited the famous Piazza Navduna, the Trevi Fountain, St Peter's Square and the Church of St. Agnes in Agony. The crumbling yet awe inspiring magnificence of the Colosseum seemed to reverberate with the awe inspiring recollections of the magnum opus of the bygone Roman Empire.

Their next destination of Vatican, although inside Rome has the stature of an independent city state. It is the seat of the Pope and home to the famous St Peter's

Basilica where grand sculptures and architecture left the visitors overwhelmed.

The tour to Italy offered a rare opportunity to the visitors to explore the authentic Italian pizzas, pastas and the Gelato ice creams. The eleven days seemed to have taken wings as the group returned enriched after a brush with history, carrying a part of Italy back with them

The group returned enriched with the memories of an era steeped in history.

excursions

To break the predictable pattern of timetable and academics various classes went for excursions.

On 24 April 2010 Students of classes V and VI visited Akshardham Temple, New Delhi, accompanied by Ms M Antony, Ms D'Lima, Ms V.Chatterjee. The visit helped them to see the modern marvel sculpted in stone and appreciate the art of many talented artisans and craftsmen.

Class VII went on a five day excursion on 15 May to Amritsar, Dalhousie and the lush green, beautiful valley of Khajjiar surrounded by pine



trees. The students were accompanied by Ms Seema Raizada, Ms Anil Parmeshwaran and Ms Gunjan Agarwal. They were impressed by the holy city of Amritsar, famous for its Golden Temple. They visited Wagah border as well. They visited the Dalhousie Mall and the place where Subhash Chandra Bose had taken refuge for a short period.

Class VIII visited Mt Abu with Ms Shalini Joshi, Ms Kami and Ms Raizada. Mt. Abu, lying nestled in the Aravali mountains is the only hill station in Rajasthan.



Class X students went on a trip to Jaipur and Chokidhani to familiarize themselves with the rich culture of the princely state of Rajasthan. They were accompanied by Ms. Ahluwalia, Ms. Chopra and Ms. Mathew.



Biodiversity being the theme of this year the students of Class XI went on a trip to Jim Corbett National Park to learn about the rich flora and fauna there. The accompanying teachers were Ms. Oberoi and Ms. Johri.

The students of Class IX accompanied by Ms Gurpreet Kaur, Ms Priya Nasir and Ms Bindu Jaggi explored the beauty of Nainital and Jim Corbett Park on a four-day-trip.

In the third week of May Class XII went for a six day tour of Bangalore, Mysore and Ooty. Visiting places steeped in history is a good way of learning about the rich heritage of our country. The Botanical Gardens located in Ooty gave the students an exposure to the wide variety of plants, herbs, shrubs, flowering trees and fruit trees. They were accompanied by with Mrs Alimchandani, Ms Bhatti and Mrs Ahluwalia.



JUSTICE PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATIONS

Teachers – in – charge: Ms. N. Davis and Ms. Antony

Members of JPIC aim to imbibe sound values and social responsibilities as citizens and future leaders. At a time when the societal values are fast eroding and the very existence of the planet is at risk due to the threat on the the JPIC of Loreto Convent School has embarked upon various activities. It is hoped that these activities will have a bearing on the ecological and societal aspects at large. These activities are designed to teach the students to reach out to the needy.

The students of junior school enthusiastically participated in the 'GO GREEN' campaign. The message of keeping the school surrounding clean and green was spread with the help of short plays, dances, songs and chanting slogans. The bright placards gave colour and life to the campaign. The enthusiasm and the energy exhibited by the little ones were definitely commendable.



LTS & JPIC members keeping our school clean and green



Grandparents' Day is organized every year as a mark of respect to the grandparents for all the love and the painstaking efforts they undertake in nurturing the emotional needs of their grandchildren by instilling the right values in them. This year the Grandparents' Day was celebrated on 30 November with the Sports Day. The aim being to ensure that our children grow with both 'roots and wings'. The grandparents turned out in large numbers and were warmly welcomed by the children. The students performed several items and the grandparents enjoyed every moment of the programme and left with joy and happiness.

The **Senior Citizens' Day** was celebrated by JPIC and class V and VI on 20 December. Residents of the nearby Jherera village were the invitees at the function.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERVICE

LTS guides: Mrs. Ahluwalia, Mrs. Subramanian and Mrs. Chatterjee

A leader is not just a person with motivational skills but someone who inspires followers. The LTS is a unit of Loreto Convent School that believes in giving practical and useful skills that the members imbibe through discussions, role plays, supportive votes and group dynamic games.

Independence Day was celebrated under the aegis of the LTS. A morning assembly was held to mark the occasion. The cultural programme that followed inspired patriotic feelings among the students. The celebrations concluded with the pledge and the national anthem.

The Support Staff Day is celebrated every year to express our gratitude to the members of the domestic staff who keep the school premises spic and span. This year the staff and students of LTS organized the event on 3 November with a special assembly and much fanfare. The family members of the Support Staff were also invited to partake of the celebrations in the school on that day. Each domestic staff was given a hand-made card by different sections. The students and teachers appreciated the service rendered by them. The students presented a cultural programme which included a skit, song, dances and games such as tug of war and musical chairs. Games like lemon-in-spoon race were organized for the children of the support staff. The members of the support staff were also felicitated with gifts and sweet packets for the festive season. The school organized a picnic for the support staff to the famous Akshardham temple, situated in Mayur Vihar.



On 25 January LTS organized a morning assembly and prayer service to celebrate the Republic Day.

The LTS also organized an inter-house quiz for classes IX and X students on the topic, Consumer Awareness. This was arranged to make the students familiar with their rights as a consumer. It is expected to generate consumer awareness about the points to be kept in mind while making purchases.

It is the endeavour of each LTS member to strive for excellence and to make the best use of one's talent and potential for the service of others and for the country.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

YCS

Teachers-in-charge: Ms. L. Mathews, Ms. D'Lima, Ms. S. Andrews



The Crowning of the Lady was celebrated on 1 May to honour Mother Mary, mother of God. The YCS (middle school) organized a prayer service for the Coronation of our Lady. Our Principal, Ms. Agnes Davies, the Provincial of Loreto Sisters, Sr. Antoinette, Sr. Celine and Sr. Lourdes led the staff and students as they walked in a solemn procession from the Hall to the grotto singing hymns to Mother Mary. The entire congregation recited the fifth decade of the Rosary – the coronation of Mary as the statue of our Lady was crowned. Floral tributes were offered by the students. Petitions were placed before our Lady and the students sang hymns and consecrated themselves to our lady.

YCS organized a three-day retreat for students of class IX to XII and NIOS, starting from 16 to 18 April. The retreat was conducted by Mr. Mathew Antony and a team from 'Living Waters'.



The school organized a retreat for the Christian students of Middle and Junior School (classes IV to VIII) on 30 and 31 of July. Mrs. Mathew, Mrs. Antony, Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Jacob stayed in the school the entire day and participated in the retreat.



Students of classes V and VI were shown a documentary based on the works of Mother Teresa and the world.

During YCS meetings, students enact parables, learn new hymns, prepare for the first Friday Mass, solve puzzles on Biblical themes, read passages from the Bible and learn about the life of Saints.

On 3 September the Eucharistic Celebration was held in the quadrangle at 7.30 a.m. in which teachers and students participated.



BIODIVERSITY

EARTH DAY

On 27 March 2010 the staff and students of Loreto School showed their solidarity with the global community and showed their concern for the planet, by observing the EARTH Hour on that day between

BIODIVERSITY QUIZ



8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. The DNA club made an appeal to one and all to save electricity by switching off lights, fans and all electrical appliances as part of the global effort to take concrete steps to deal with the impending ecological disaster resulting in climate change.

Earth Day was celebrated on 22 April to create awareness towards Mother Earth. Students from various classes brought saplings and planted them in the school herb garden. Middle School students made bags using biodegradable material. Secondary and senior students participated in a Quiz based on Ecology and Biodiversity respectively.

DRIP IRRIGATION

The installation of drip irrigation facilities is another milestone in the school's efforts to conserve water. This provision has been made in the herb garden to assure minimal wastage of water. The Herb Garden in the school contains various herbs of great medicinal value. The mushroom cultivation was another green venture.

ROLI POLI

A talk-cum-demonstration was held to recycle kitchen waste. A gadget called ROLI POLI was introduced to the students. It helps to produce compost from vegetable waste. It is fed with biodegradable kitchen waste, leaves etc and rolled over every day. After 30 days,



compost would be produced. A leaf crusher was also purchased to crush the leaves for easy composting.

DNA Club has been actively engaged in bringing about awareness about biodiversity. A Biodiversity Register was maintained which included pictures of flora and fauna in the school. An effort is going on to name the various plants in school premises. From time to time students bring information about newer species that are discovered and described throughout the world.



22 May: International Biodiversity Day

DID YOU KNOW?

Biodiversity provides the ecological goods and services that sustain all life. Of the millions of species of animals, plants and micro-organisms on earth, some 18,000 are becoming extinct annually due to mindless environmental interference by humans. The United Nations proclaimed this day to increase awareness and understanding of biodiversity issues.

What you can do...

DNA Clubs around the country show the way.

Respect Biodiversity

- Do a survey of your school or neighborhood and identify the various species of plants and animals. Record them.
- Collect different samples of soil and observe the micro-organisms using your school microscopes.
- Go to your nearby shops and collect information about the various types of rice and pulses available.
- Collect and display the variety of seeds available in your nearby areas.
- Find out the various parts of various plants used in traditional medicines, food, clothing, etc.
- Find out the endangered species in your area, state and country. Mark them out on a map.



WHAT IS BIODIVERSITY?

The term 'Biodiversity' is coined to refer to the diversity of life, that is the various life forms within a given ecosystem, each with distinct features. Estimates state the existence of 10 million species out of which only 2 million have been discovered. Biodiversity is considered to be a measure of the health of ecosystems. Greater biodiversity implies greater health.

However, the repeated massive losses over the past years have led to extinction of many species and habitat loss already reducing half of our health meter. The symptoms of this sickness are strongly believed to be over-exploitation, pollution, climatic change and introduction of exotic species triggered by growing population and economic development.

It is high time we recognize that biodiversity essentially contributes to our nutritional intake and survival needs along with maintaining the environment and promoting creative evolution valuing \$64 trillion.

To prevent further damage to the environment, we need to increase the number of protected areas and encourage sustainable development through the 'Green economy' and 'Communication, Education and Public Awareness' (CEPA) initiatives, which also provide such incentives to the local communities.

Thus committing ourselves to protect the environment is the only way to live in harmony with our nature.



-Shreya Adlakha, XI -A



The Annual Sports Day of this academic session was celebrated on 30 November 2010. The occasion became special with the gracious presence of Sr. Marion, General Superior IBVM, the global head of the Loreto family.



The day showcased the diversity of the Indian culture along with the sporting prowess of our students. It was attended by several dignitaries. The day saw the celebration of Grandparents' Day as well and many grandparents were present at the function as special invitees.

The day saw the celebration of Grandparents' Day as well and many grandparents were present at the function as special invitees.

The school flag was hoisted by Mrs. Davies. The march was led by Damandeep Dang, the School Head girl proudly holding aloft the school banner followed by Akshita Yadav, the Vice Head girl. The sports flag was



held by Noopor Lakra, the sports captain followed by Vandana Xalxo, sports vice captain and Shivali Bhatti, sports prefect.





The contingents of all houses led by their respective Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects followed them marching in perfect unison to the drum beat. School sports Captain, Noopor Lakra took the oath of fair



play on behalf of all participants and athletes. A special assembly organized by the JPIC celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship as the ground echoed with the singing of the 'Loreto chorus'.

Athletic races were interspersed with vibrant dances that brought alive the vibrant culture of both classical and folk dance forms.

A martial arts performance by the students of the Taekwondo Club left the audience awe-struck with their art and technique.



The aerobics Club performance to the rhythm of music left the audience mesmerized.



Medals for individual performances and team events were awarded to the winners by the Principal, Mrs. Davies and the coordinators of the junior, Middle and senior school.



Best Marching squad
WARD HOUSE

Four athletes were declared Best Athletes of the Year 2010-2011. They are Avika Sood of XII A, Serena Cardoz of X B, Simran Banga of VIII B and Manveet Sindra of V B.

Ward house was adjudged the winner of the march past.

Sr. Marion addressed the school fraternity, applauding their efforts and holistic development that would do them and their school proud.



BEST ATHLETES OF THE YEAR 2010 ~ 2011



MANVEET SINDRA



SERENA CARDOZ



SIMRAN BANGA



AVIKA SOOD

RELAY RACE 4 x100 M (SENIOR CATEGORY)



(L-R) : Ms. A. Davies, Preeti Tokas,
Sadhvi Dang, Raveena Verma,
Avika Sood



1st Runner up
(L-R): Aditi Bishnoi, Lipika Jain



2nd Runner Up
(L-R): Sanya Kapur, Deeksha
Jaiswal, Fona Romals

RELAY RACE 4 x100 M (JUNIOR CATEGORY)



1st Position

(L-R) Mrs. Cherian, Serena Cardoz, Ribekka Singh, Sagarika Negi, Natasha Raghav



1st Runners up

(L-R) Akshita Pathania, Avnee Jain, Gunjan Tomar, Neha Yadav



2nd Runners Up

(L-R) Shreya Bhattacharya, Priya Sharma, Diana Ann Joseph, Muskan Rath

RELAY RACE 4 x100 M (SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY)



1st Position

(L-R): Bhavyaa Kumar, Shalini Tigga, Rishya Dutt, Swarnamol Jobe



2nd Position

(L-R): Yosha Dutt, Rheeya K. Sreedharan, Diana Mani, Vidhi Tiwari



3rd Position

(L-R): Simran Banga, Ananya Aggarwal, Suryashree Nair, Andrea Peter

RELAY RACE 4 x100 M (MINI CATEGORY)



(L-R): Anisha Tigga, Ananya Samanta, Justina Xalco, Feba Sara Vinu



(L-R): Ayisha Moses, Garima Gupta, Kanupriya Kispotta, Prithvi Krishna



(L-R): Anamika Kumar, Sejal Sehrawal, Alshamol Salju, Saumya Rustagi

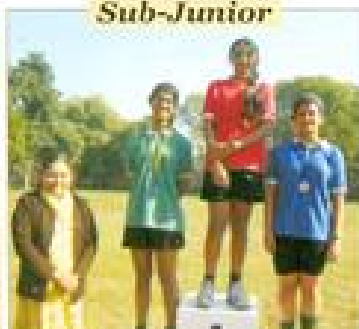
RACE - 100 m WINNERS

Mini



(L-R): Mrs. Chandra, Prithvi Krishna (Bronze), Manveer Kaur (Gold), Justina Xalco (Silver)

Sub-Junior



(L-R): Suryashree Nair (Bronze), Bhavyaa Kumar (Gold), Shanvi Kukreti (Silver)

Junior



(L-R): Shreya Bhattacharya (Bronze), Serena Cardoz (Gold), Akshita Pathania (Silver)

Senior



(L-R): Sanya Kapur (Bronze), Avika Sood (Gold), Aditi Bishnoi (Silver)

RACE - 200 m - WINNERS

Sub-Junior



(L-R): Shalini Tigga (Bronze), Simran Banga (Gold), Yosha Dutt (Silver)

Junior



(L-R): Priya Sharma (Bronze), Serena Cardoz (Gold), Akshita Pathania (Silver)

Senior



(L-R): Deeksha Jaiswal (Bronze), Noopur Lakra (Gold), Saumya Sharma (Silver)

RACE – 600m & 800m - WINNERS

Sub-Junior



(L-R): Shanvi Kukreti (Bronze), Simran Banga (Gold), Bhavyaa Kumar (Silver)

Junior



(L-R): Megha Sahai (Bronze), Jyotsna Singh (Gold), Ribekha Singh (Silver)

Senior



(L-R): Steffi Stephen (Bronze), Charu Kandpal (Gold), Preeti Tokas (Silver)

OBSTACLE RACE

Mini



(L-R): Ananya Samanta (Bronze), Aiysha Moses (Gold), Angel Susan John (Silver)

Sub-Junior



(L-R): Lakshika Khunga (Bronze), Seema Mahato (Gold), Saumya Dalal (Silver)

Junior



(L-R): Fahita Sran (Bronze), Neha Yadav (Gold), Tarannum Paul (Silver)

Senior



(L-R): Steffi Stephen (Bronze), Preeti Tokas (Gold)

HURDLES 80m

Sub-Junior



(L-R): Suryashree Nair (Bronze), Preeti Aggarwal (Gold), Ranjana Malini (Silver)

Junior



(L-R): Sanyikta Singh (Bronze), Natasha Raghuvar (Gold), Tarannum Paul (Silver)

Senior



(L-R): Lipika Jain (Bronze), Vandana Xalco (Gold), Reena Yadav (Silver)

PARENTS' DAY

Parents are the first teachers for their children. It is their unlimited love, unending care and unaccountable selflessness that gives the children the strength to stand tall against all odds.

Many unsaid words found creative expressions as the students of classes V to XII hosted their respective Parents' Day over the academic year. The event provided a momentous opportunity to every student to hone their multifaceted talents like acting, singing, dancing etc. The camaraderie and organizational abilities, as they worked in unison to meet deadlines, tempered their team spirit and leadership qualities. The tremendous efforts put in by the staff and students and the hidden talents of their wards, left the parents overwhelmed.

CLASS V



The students of Class V hosted their Parents' Day on 22nd January 2011.

A play was enacted from the endearing short story, *IDGAH*, written by Munshi Premchand, the famous Hindi-Urdu writer of the early 20th Century. The enactment of the *mela* scene brought alive



the ambience of the village fair to perfection.

The students found expression for the profound love and gratitude towards their parents through the recitation of poignant poems dedicated to their parents.

CLASS VI

The three sections of class VI cast a spell on 17 July 2010 as their programme commenced with a welcome dance 'Swagatam'. The melodious songs and well choreographed dances to the beats of the ABBA track 'Money, money money' and 'Beat the clock' were well integrated into the

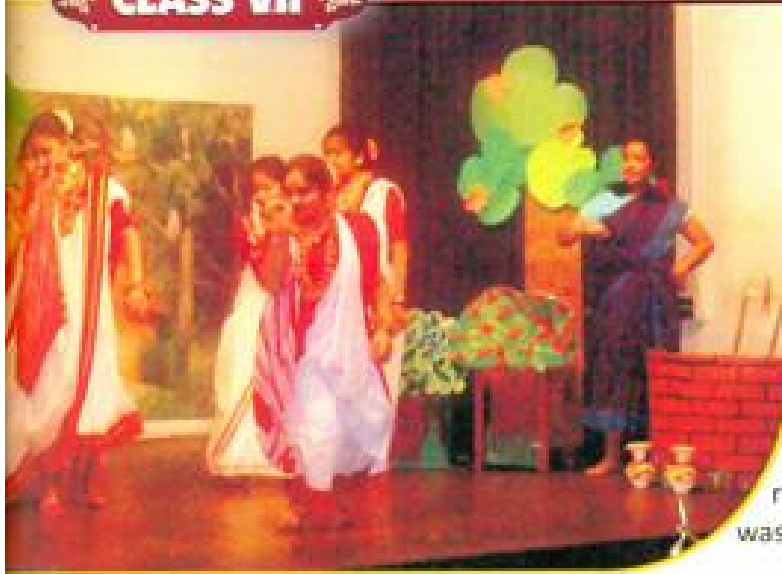
plot of the play

titled 'The Clever Lawyer' adding an impressive Broadway feel to the act. An enactment

of the poignant poem 'Bacchpan' by Subhadra Kumari Chauhan brought alive the nostalgic memories of the days loved and lost forever.



CLASS VII



The theme 'From Darkness to Light' found a befitting expression by the students of class VII as the magic of Rabindranath Tagore was revived on 11th December 2010. Based on an extract from Tagore's emotionally charged classic 'Chandalika', the play brought home the contemporarily relevant theme of social prejudices that all the society even today. The songs and dances bound the plot together carrying forward the story and keeping its spirit alive. The well choreographed move of the students to the beats of 'Black or White', the world renowned number by the king of Pop, Michael Jackson was the perfect culmination to this 'Labour of love'.

CLASS VIII

On 23 October 2010, class VIII invoked the divine grace of Goddess Saraswati, the deity of Knowledge and Fine Arts in a welcome dance which set the ball rolling on the programme that celebrated the love of a family. Bringing alive the emotions of Suhani, an adolescent who holds misgivings against her family and lives with the conviction of not being loved by any of her family members, the play took the audience through a plethora of emotions. At last she came to realize the truth and thereby highlighted the fact that our family is an integral part of our lives. An enactment of a beautiful poem celebrating the love of a family further reinforced the bond of love that holds a family together.



CLASS IX



Students of Class IX brought alive the Shakespearian play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', on 20 November 2010. Holding true to the plot of the comedy about misplaced loves and magic in a night, orchestrated by the mischievous fairy 'Puck', the essential Elizabethan flavour of the language and costumes was recreated. The audience was transported back to an era where histrionics were larger than life. The mesmerizing dance performances and melodious renditions by the choir, interwoven within the plot provided the perfect seasoning to the immaculate performance.

CLASS X

A perfect fusion of classical dance forms of Kathak and Bharatanatyam was a befitting opening as Class X paid rich tributes to their parents on 30 October 2010. "Why God created Mother and Father" recapitulated the finer nuances of parenting, encapsulating the essence of parents who give their all without reservations. A poignant mime of a physically challenged child depicted the pain and helplessness of the distraught parents who were a beacon of light in her otherwise dark existence. A short play "A Daughter's Diary" beautifully captured the truth underlying the affectations of an adolescent which found an instant connection with the audience. A presentation on 'A day at Loreto' was a perfect finale to the morning.



CLASS XI



Designed as a tribute to the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his 150 Birth Anniversary, Class XI recreated the ambience of a distant era on 7 August 2010. The day coincided with the death anniversary of the great visionary. The enchanting melody of Rabindra Sangeet filled the air as the blessings of the Almighty were sought with a dance performed to the strains of Tagore's composition 'Anand Lok'. A remarkable presentation highlighting the life and literary achievements of the great poet was followed by an enactment of Gurudev's endearing story, The *Kabuliwala* interspersed with songs and dances in Bengali that provided the perfect flavor. A dance depiction of Tagore's 'Prayer for India' appealed to the

patriotic spirit of all present. The mesmerizing dance performance to A R Rehman's 'Maa Tujhe Salaam' marked the perfect finish to the morning.

CLASS XII

The musical show named 'Full Circle' marked the theme of the Parents' Day of class XII on 24 July 2010. The three-act-play explored the theme of adolescents in three phases: Who am I? What am I? Here I am. Scripted by the students themselves, the play brought out the essence of the problems faced by adolescents. The play incorporated songs and dances and the dialogue was sprinkled with the unique 'lingo' of the adolescents added a distinct contemporary feel to the performances which tugged at everyone's heart.



Teachers' Day



5 September designated as Teachers' Day in our country is an occasion to express respect and gratitude to those hands that mould the next generation. It is rightly said "Those who educate children well are to be honoured more than the parents, for the parents only give life and the teachers, the art of living well."

On 3 September the students of classes V to XII felicitated their teachers with a special assembly as they paid rich tributes to the relentless efforts of the teachers who hone their skills and mould their life. The students presented a cultural programme with song and dance performances.

A presentation prepared by the Student Council evoked much nostalgia among the staff members.

The highlight of the day was the enactment by the students, of a story by the master educationist, Rabindranath Tagore.

The teachers appreciated the students' efforts and thanked them by dedicating a song.

A Staff Picnic was organized to Manesar on 4 September to further reinforce the harmonious relationship among the school teaching fraternity.



Christmas Celebrations

On 18 December the Christmas programme for the year 2010 was organized in the school premises. The Holy Mass was held at 9 a.m. in which Christian students, their parents and teachers participated. Father John Abraham was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic Celebrations. The students of class V to XI presented the Nativity Play and a splendid programme titled 'Wonders of Christmas'.



Welcoming Father John Abraham



Christmas Mass



Choir



The Shepherds



Angels



Daniel and the lions





Holy Family



Poinsettias



Jonah Saves



David and Goliath



Three Kings



Jingle Bells



Sports Section

BASKETBALL S

Zonal Basketball Tournament

Venue: TAFS, Subroto Park

Dates: 19-7-10 to 27-7-10

Position: Runners up

10th Archbishop Alan De Lastic Memorial

Invitational Basketball Tournament

Venue: St. Michaels Sr.Sec. School

Dates: 25-10-10 to 29-10-10 Position-Reached the semi-final

3rd Gayathri Devi Goenka Memorial Basketball Tournament

Venue: GD Goenka School, Vasant Vihar

Dates: 9-11-10 to 16-11-10

Position: Second runners up

DDA Basketball tournament

Venue: DDA Sports complex Hari Nagar

Dates: 4-8-10 to 7-8-10

Position-Runners up

American Embassy basketball tournament

Venue: American Embassy school

Friendly Match

SOCCER

Zonal Football Tournament

Venue: Vasant Valley School, Vasant Kunj

Dates: 5-8-10 to 16-8-10

Position: Reached the semi final

VOLLEY BALL

Zonal Volley Ball Tournament

Venue: Upras Vidyalaya , Vasant Vihar

Dates: 26.7.10 to 6.8.10

Teams: Sub junior; seniors

Positions: Participation

KHO-KHO

Zonal Kho Kho tournament

Venue: Govt. Senior Boys Vidyalaya,

D Block, Janakpuri

Dates: 17.8.10 onwards

Teams: Sub junior, Senior

Positions:

Sub juniors: Reached the semifinals Seniors:

Runners up

On 11 May a friendly Volleyball match with Holy Child School Tagore Garden was held in school and Loreto team won the match.



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

On 29 March 2010 the Inter-House Kho-Kho Competition was held in the school. Kho-Kho court and Hart House won by 14- 8 points.



On 13, 15 and 19 April the Inter-House Volleyball Competition were held. Ward House was won the finals.



From 19 to 22 April 2010 the Inter-House Basketball Competition were held. Hart House won the match.



TRACK AND FIELD [ATHLETICS]

Zonal Athletic Meet

Venue: APS Dhaula Kuan

Dates: 21-10-10 to 24-10-10

Results:

SUB JUNIOR CATEGORY-

- (i) **SIMRAN BANGA 8-B**
-Gold Medal 1500 m
-Gold Medal 800m
-Silver Medal 400m
-Silver Medal 4x100m relay
- (ii) **VIDHI TIWARI 7-B**
-Silver Medal Long Jump
-Silver medal 4x100m relay
-Bronze Medal 200m
- (iii) **MANNAT MEHTA 8-A**
-Gold Medal Discuss Throw
- (iv) **YOSHA DUTT 8-A**
-Silver medal Shot put
-Silver medal 4x100m relay
- (v) **PRIYANKA GUPTA 8-A**
-Bronze medal Discuss Throw
- (vi) **BHAVYAA 8-A**
-Silver medal 4x100m relay

JUNIOR CATEGORY:

- (i) **SWARNIM KOTNALA 10-C**
-Gold medal Shot put
-gold medal Discuss throw
Bronze medal Javelin throw
- (ii) **NATASHA RAGHAV 9-B**
-Silver medal 4x100m relay
-Bronze medal high jump
- (iii) **AKSHITA PATHANIA 9-B**
-Silver medal 4x100m relay
- (iv) **PRIYA SHARMA 9-C**
-Silver medal 4x100m relay
- (v) **ANUBHUTI 10-A**
-Silver medal 4x100m relay

SENIOR CATEGORY:

- (i) **VANDANA XALCO 11-B**
-Gold medal triple jump
-Silver medal high jump
-Bronze medal 4x100m relay
- (ii) **AVIKA SOOD 12-A**
-Bronze medal Long Jump
-Bronze medal 4x100m relay
- (iii) **POOJA KAPATHIA 11-A**
-Silver medal javelin
- (iv) **PREETI TOKAS 11-A**
-Bronze medal 400m
- (v) **NOOPUR LAKRA 12-A**
-Bronze medal 4x100m relay
- (vi) **SERENA CARDOZ 10-B**
-Bronze medal 4x100m relay

INTER ZONAL ATHLETIC MEET

Venue: Chhatrasal Stadium,

Model Town

Dates: 15th November onwards

Results:

- (i) **SIMRAN BANGA 8-B**
-silver medal 600m
-bronze medal 400m
- (ii) **MANNAT MEHTA 8-A**
-gold medal discuss throw
- (iii) **YOSHA DUTT 8-A**
-bronze medal high jump
- (iv) **VANDANA XALCO 11-B**
-silver medal high jump
- (v) **POOJA KAPATHIA 11-A**
- (vi) **SWARNIM KOTNALA 10-C**
- (vii) **VIDHI TIWARI 7-B**

CBSE CLUSTER XII ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Salwan Public School

Dates: 18-11-10 to 20-11-10

Results:

- (i) **VANDANA XALCO 11-A**
-gold medal high jump
-silver medal triple jump
- (ii) **SIMRAN BANGA 8-B**
-silver medal 800m
- (iii) **MANNAT MEHTA 8-A**
-gold medal discuss throw
- (iv) **POOJA KAPATHIA 11-A**
-Bronze medal javelin throw
- (v) **SWARNIM KOTNALA 10-C**
-bronze medal shot put
- (vi) **SHANVI KUKRETI 8-A**
-silver medal 4x100m
- (vii) **AMBIKA BORA 8-A**
-silver medal 4x100m
- (viii) **ANANYA M.S 7-B**
-SILVER MEDAL 4X100M
- (ix) **SIMRAN BANGA 8-B**
-silver medal 4x100m



**GOLD MEDAL IN DELHI STATE
TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP –
PREETI TOKAS**

BASKETBALL TEAM



ATHLETICS TEAM



FOOTBALL TEAM



SENIOR KHO-KHO TEAM



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM



SUB-JUNIOR KHO-KHO TEAM



SWIMMING TEAM



DDA BASKETBALL RUNNERS-UP TROPHY



WINNERS - BADMINTON COMPETITION



WINNERS- VOLLEYBALL (JUNIOR)
SION PERSEVERANCE



WINNERS - KHO KHO (SUB JUNIOR)



WINNERS - KHO KHO (JUNIOR)



WINNERS- BASKETBALL



Champions of Inter-Zonal Athletic Meet



Yosha Dutt



Mannat Mehta



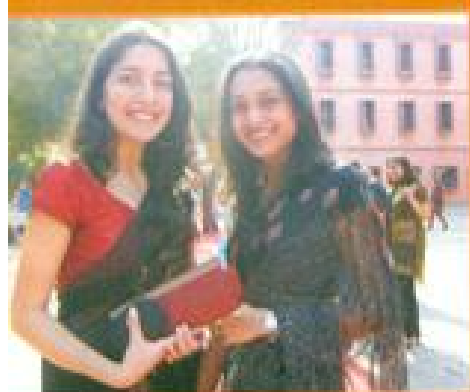
Simran Banga

Fare - thee - well

ADIOS

The prize-distribution for class XII was held on 4 February. The badge- holders handed over their badges to the principal in a solemn ceremony. The farewell function **ADIOS** for Class XII was organized on 5 February.





ON A PARTING NOTE: A TRIBUTE TO THE ALMA MATER

I wish to thank my parents, teachers, and friends who were associated in giving me the best schooling. I want to thank them for transforming this little caterpillar who crawled to the school crying a decade back to a butterfly who is flying away now to a whole new world. One common thing is here is that she still has tears in her eyes, this time these are the tears of gratitude.

- Dainandeep Kaur Dang XII A (Head girl of Loreto Convent)

Not many of us can say this, but it's been 13 years I've spent my life at Loreto. It was here that I discovered what I thought were secret passages, here that I graduated from Enid Blyton to Daphne du Maurier to Isaac Asimov. It was here that I found the desire and the words to express myself; here that the sunny, aseptic chemistry lab claimed me for its own. Loreto is the ministry of my academic life. It will remain so, for the values it represents. It will remain so for the love and comfort and acceptance I have found here. It will remain so for the wealth of memories it has afforded me. It will remain so for the tartan checks and teachers' words that form part of the tapestry of my youth. It will remain so for the child I once was, and for the girl I am now.

Loreto has seen me grow; equally as I have seen Loreto evolve. There are many things that make an LC girl. To those who hear my words – I speak for all my classmates in this. We pass the torch to you. Never let the flame go out.

~ Paritosha Grover Anand XII B

Today I am in the comfort zone of Loreto but tomorrow I will step out, into the big unknown world. I shall cherish all these moments all through my life. What will remain constant would be our fierce pride in being a Loretoite.

Sakshi XII- A

I shall cherish all the beautiful moments spent in Loreto.

Sanya Kapur XII- A



Reunion 2011

LORETO CONVENT OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



LCOSA

Past Pupils' Reunion was held on 19 February in the school premises. When the past pupils assembled in the quadrangle, it became a day of reliving the good old school days. Nostalgia reigned supreme as they walked down the memory lane and sang the Loreto chorus. They were joined by their teachers and together they shared many anecdotes. The retired teachers were special invitees at the function. Ms. Sunil Narain, the Director General, CSE, is one of our eminent past pupils who attended the Alumni Meet. Ms. Narain has been awarded Padma Shri by the Government of India in appreciation of her relentless efforts towards preservation of the environment. She is also recipient of the World Water Prize for her work on Rainwater Harvesting. As a little girl, she had joined the school in pre-primary class, way back in 1970 and studied up to class X. The old alumna, Ms. Nalini Malhotra, joined the school in 1974 in class VII. She spoke at length about her happy experiences at school, decades ago. The past pupils were presented with a souvenir as they left at the end of the Meet with pleasant memories.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Ball House Week



The theme of Ball House Week was 'GO GREEN!' in keeping with the theme of Biodiversity. Classes V and VI took part in a drawing competition in which students gave expression to their idea of preserving the environment.

Students from the senior school created 'Wealth from Waste' by recycling cloth to make bags, living up to the message of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'.

A Paragraph Writing competition on the theme of the conservation of the environment and the role of an individual was conducted for students of senior secondary section.



Hart House Week

A special assembly marked the beginning of the Hart House Week. It was the privilege of the Hart House to organize the Sports Day this year.



Walsh House Week

Walsh House conducted a series of Inter-House Competitions for different classes on the theme of Biodiversity as part of the Walsh House Week. Class V and VI performed a skit on 'Knowing Indian values'. Classes VII and VIII put up board displays on the theme of the environment. An essay writing

competition was organized on the topic 'Global Warming is Global Warning'. A quiz on Biodiversity was conducted for classes IX and X. Classes XI and XII enacted funny situations based on popular taglines in 'It's a mad, mad world', the central theme being conservation of the environment.



Ward House Week

Ward House Week was organized to reinforce the values of Mary Ward, the founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of which the Loreto nuns are an integral part. Classes V and VI traced the 'Life Journey of Mary Ward' in the form of a Display Board Competition. Students of classes VII and VIII composed poems on selected maxims of the great visionary that form the blueprint for personal integrity and self development. A quiz was conducted for students of classes IX and X under the aegis of LTS, to check their awareness quotient with respect to 'Consumer Rights in India'



Junior School

APRIL

CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN -GO GREEN



A 'cleanliness campaign' program was also organized where each junior school student participated enthusiastically. The message of keeping the school surrounding clean and green was spread with the help of short plays, dances, songs and chanting of slogans. Each house came up with innovative ideas and presented it during the recess for the whole school.



BALL HOUSE ACTIVITY

Ball house set the green tone by flagging off the 'Go green' campaign. A talk on how each one of us could contribute in our little way to save the environment was given. Posters and placards were put up.



Preps enjoying nature



The activity 'Best out of waste' was organized where each student participated and tried to be as resourceful as possible by creating something useful with the waste.

JULY

Junior Sports India Activity

The members conducted a camp where many structured physical activities were organized in which all our little ones took part enthusiastically.



English Recitation



"What's the good word?"

A game for Class IV was organized where the respective teams had to guess the word enacted by the other team.

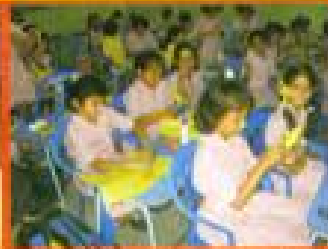
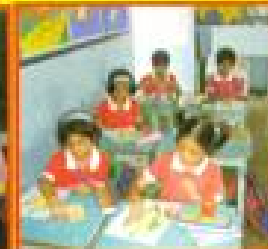
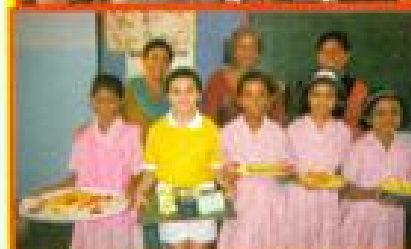


AUGUST



Hart House Activity

Hart house celebrated their house colour - yellow which symbolizes joy and happiness. Activities like creating sunflowers, yellow paper flowers, filling corn kernels, salad preparation using yellow ingredients were organized.

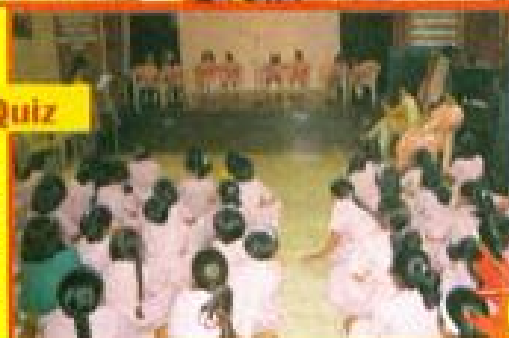


Yellow day for Preps



English language Quiz

An Inter house was organized for class IV students on Antonyms, Synonyms, Adjectives, Similes, Genders etc..



SEPTEMBER



Teachers' Day

Junior school girls performing a Sufi dance.

Hindi Week

Mother Teresa's birth centenary year, 2010 was commemorated during the Hindi week. Students from class III brought out the values, dear to our Mother through their paragraph writing while class IV kids essayed her biography. The tiny tots from Class I & II took delight in drawing, colouring and collage making.



Interaction with Shera

Hindi Recitation



Hindi musical morning

Hindi recitation and Hindi musical morning were also part of the Hindi week activities which saw each child from Prep to class IV recite and sing with great enthusiasm.



OCTOBER



Show and Tell

Students were asked to show and speak about any object. Students spoke on various topics ranging from their favourite toys, articles, parents, medicines etc...



NOVEMBER



WALSH HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Walsh House welcomed this year by having a card making activity where children were given a chance to use their creative skills in creating innovative cards.



Red Day for Preps

Support Staff Day

Junior school performing a Haryanvi dance.



Children's Day Party



DECEMBER



Nativity Play - Choir by Junior School

JANUARY

WARD HOUSE ACTIVITIES



Students of class III and IV wrote a paragraph on the Maxim – 'Love and speak the truth at all times'. Class III students tried their hands at making beautiful blue paper flowers.

FEBRUARY

JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT : 'THE WIZARD OF OZ'

The students of junior school put up an amazing and a truly enchanting musical – *The wizard of Oz*. It is a story of little Dorothy who is whisked away to the mysterious and magical land of Oz by a tornado. In this land of beauty, simplicity and joy, Dorothy sets out on a journey with a talking scarecrow, a rusty tin man and a cowardly lion, following the yellow brick road to the Emerald city where they hope to meet the famous wizard who would grant them their wishes. Their quest for wisdom, love and courage is achieved once the evil witch is dead. The essence of the play that each one of us has the power in us and it is for us to recognize it was conveyed beautifully. It also highlights the universal sentiment that there is *no place like home*.

GRADUATION DAY

The Graduation ceremony held on March 10th 2011 for the students of class IV began with a prayer service in the presence of their parents.

The students of Class III beautifully depicted different stages of a butterfly; the stages- the egg, the pupa, caterpillar and then a beautiful butterfly which is ready to 'take flight.'

The class IV student after going through the different stages are now ready for the Middle school



The students of Class IV in their house sashes and graduation caps took their pledge and Mrs. Davies handed over their diplomas. A couple of students shared their experiences while in Junior school. They were introduced to the Middle school co-ordinator, Mrs. Chandra. The programme concluded with a dance by the Class III followed by tea for the parents. It was a very special day for Class IV students.

ACCOLADES



Students of class III won the Runner-up prize for 'Sufi dance' competition held at Kalka Public School.



Harleen Sahota (3A) & Nandini Gupta (3B) won the Runner up prize for 'Wealth out of waste' competition held at Caramel Convent school.

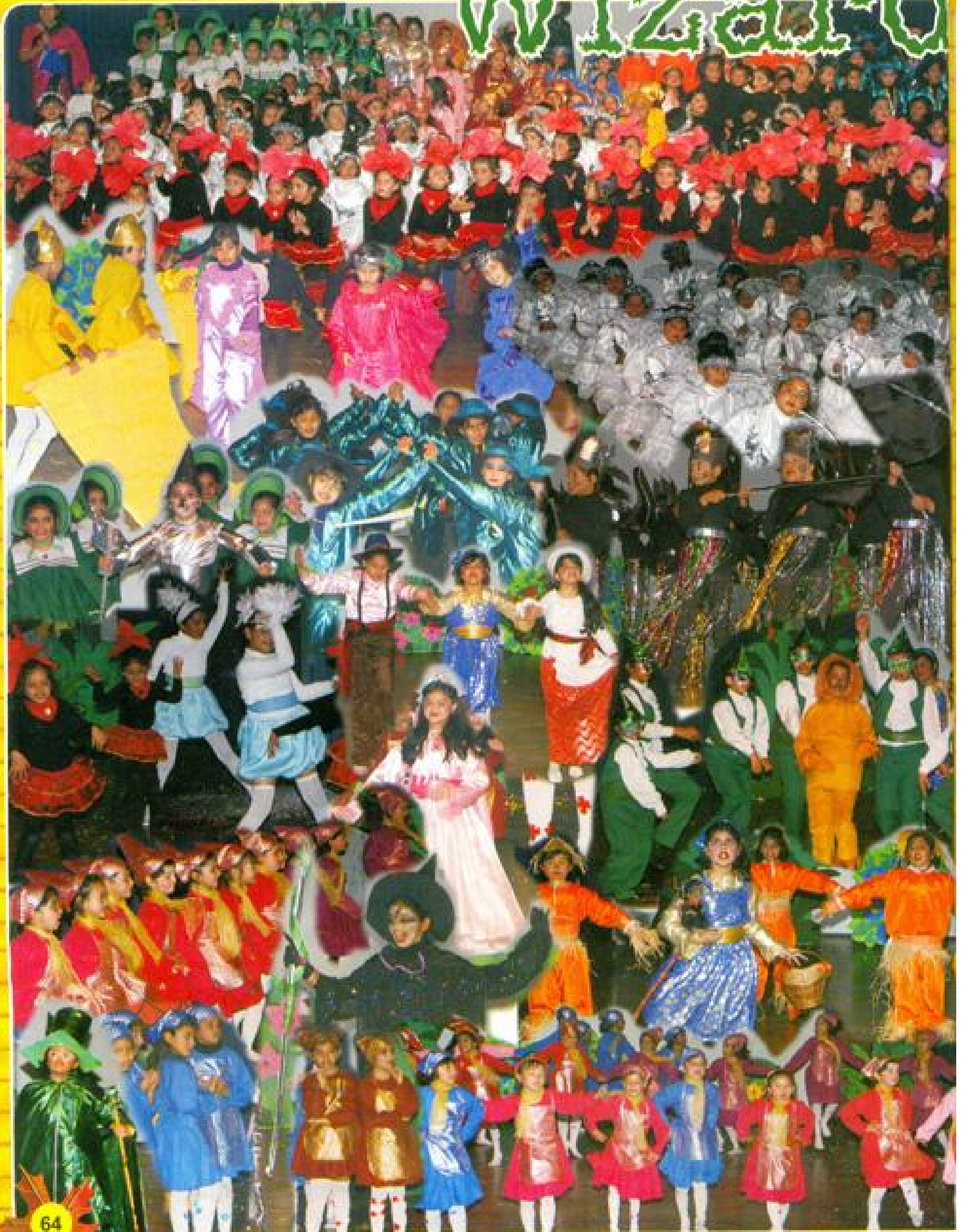


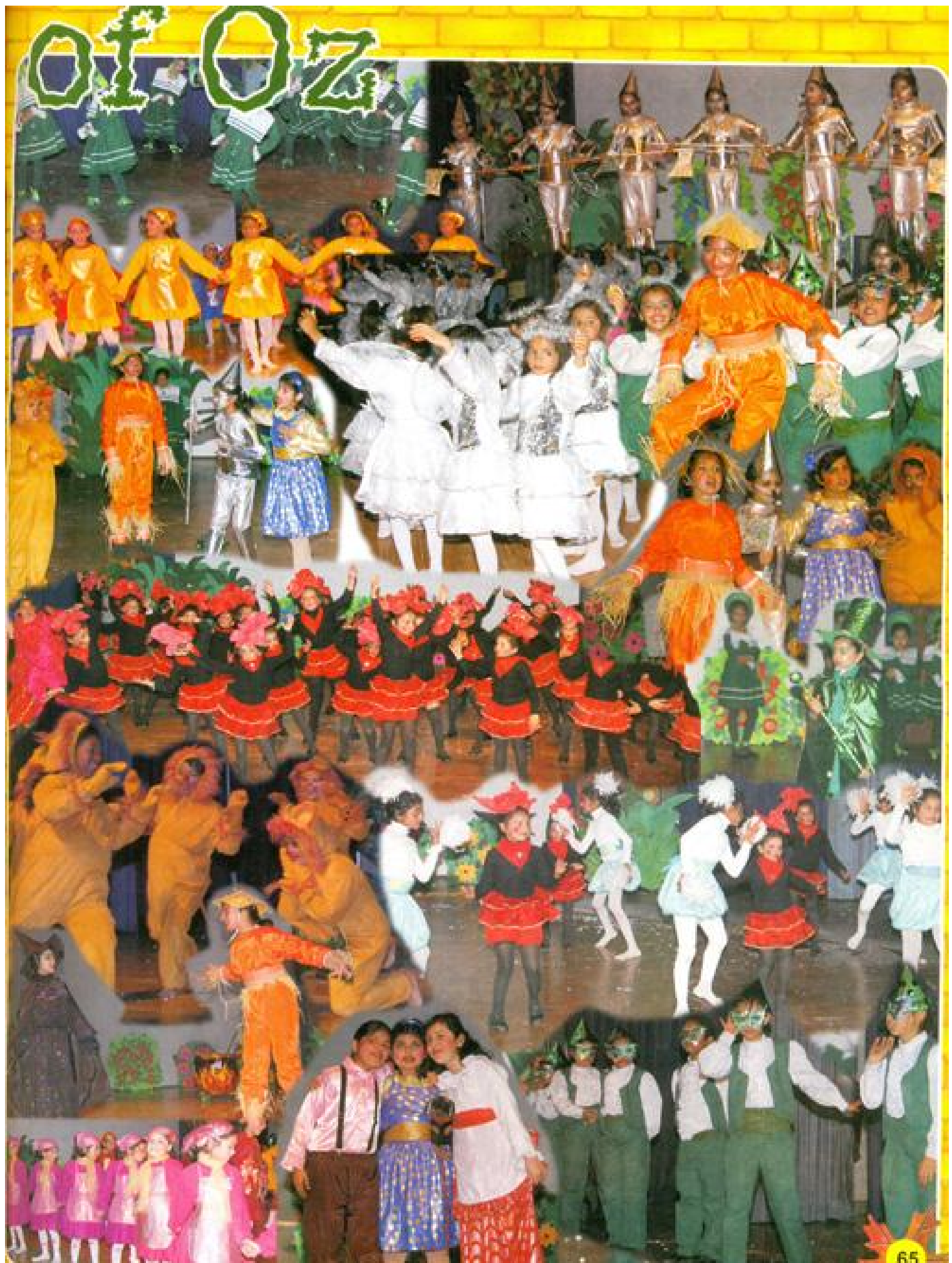
Class IV B receiving the Green Warrior award.



Walsh house - Best house.

Wizard







Follow The Yellow

I played the character of the cowardly lion in the play. This was the first time that I was given the responsibility to play the character which was something very new. To produce the best, we had to put in a lot of effort and our teachers helped us. That for me was an experience of a lifetime. I had gained a lot of confidence and understanding as to how to perform on the stage. I also realized that with practice and hard work we can achieve almost anything.

Vaishnavi Pande IV

It was a nice experience to be a *Tin man*. We used to practice during cold mornings and hot noons and it really worked. I am glad that I got such a big role in the 'The wizard of OZ'. My parents are proud of me. I had a lot of fun during the rehearsals. The dances and acting were interesting. We practiced for around two months. All the credit goes to my teachers. They helped me in everything. The costumes were amazing. I just want to say that 'if you work hard you can never fail'. I thoroughly enjoyed it and am eagerly waiting for the next annual function.

Mahek Thapar IV

I was really happy when I was chosen for the witch's role. I had to learn my lines every day. My teachers helped me to modulate my voice and it was truly a learning experience. We had fun throughout our practices and our skit was appreciated by everyone. I would like to thank all my teachers for supporting me.

Diya Alice Toby IV

Our distinguished guests



Mr. Brian O'Brien, Second Secretary, Embassy of Ireland

Brick Road

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think about the concert, to thank my teachers for giving me an opportunity to participate and trusting me with an important part. It was an experience in itself. The memories that I have gathered during the concert will stay with me for times to come. It was an enriching experience. I played the role of a good witch who was very helpful and kind. The role taught me these virtues and I will always try to be kind and helpful.

Deah Kapoor IV B

I had a wonderful experience being a tin man. At first I was a little nervous but then I overcame my fears and did my best. I really enjoyed it. The following lines of the tin man were some of my favorites:

I am glad that now

I can be happy and sad,

I can also be angry and mad.

*I now know what love is and also
emotions.*

I am glad.

Rida Khan IV B

I was selected to be a scarecrow in the skit. At first I felt that it was a small role but when we actually started practicing, I realized it was a very important role. We practiced a lot. On the final day I played my role perfectly and flawlessly. Everyone appreciated my performance and praised me. During the grand finale our chief guest came and said "I would like to stand near the scarecrow." It was a great moment. Now everyone calls me the "Scarecrow" and I don't mind it at all.

Nayan Jain IV B

I was chosen to play the part of Dorothy. Although I was very happy I learnt that playing the main character involved a lot of hard work. There were so many lines, songs and dances to be learnt and rehearsed. Everyone who participated worked very hard. Even the teachers put in their heart and soul in preparing us, our dresses and all the props. During the concert I was a little nervous but I enjoyed myself immensely. Everything turned out to be wonderful. I felt thrilled and happy when everyone complemented me for doing my part well. This was an experience I will never forget. And of course I believe that - 'There is no place like home....'.

Avantika Sharma IV B



Mrs. Vilasini Ramchandran, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance

ARTICLES

A TOUCH OF INDIA IN ENGLISH

Words like Time, Train, Bore, Mood, Driver, Police and Hospital are used so often in Indian languages that we have quite forgotten that they have come to us via English. We have accepted them as our own.

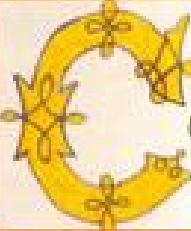
But there are so many Indian words that we use without knowing that we have exported them during the years of the Raj and have been absorbed into the English vocabulary.



BANDICOOT
In Telegu, *pandikakku* means pig rat. The original word was corrupted to Bandicoot by naturalists of the past era.



BAZAAR
We had borrowed it from the Arabs. The British in turn took this word from us.



COIR
The Tamilians call it Kayiru, the Malayalis Kayar.



BUNGALOW
Our invaders lived in castles, mansions, cottages or farmhouses, before they came here. The bungalows of India gave them another kind of abode to talk about and live in...



CASH
This name is given to a lot of coins. It comes from the Sanskrit *Karsa*, which means a weight of silver or gold. There is an old Tamil word *Kasu*, which could have been the root. Anyway the Portuguese were the first to turn it into *Caixa*, from where the English got the word *Cash*.



JUGGERNAUT
Comes from Lord Jaghanath. It is metaphorically used today to describe an overwhelmingly powerful object or institution.



MANGO
Foreigners had never heard of this king of fruits until they invaded our ancestral shores. The Tamils call it *mankuy* or *manguy*. The Malayalis call it *manga* and the English converted it to *mango*.



DINGHY
A small boat, canoe – like, which is often made from a single log or tree trunk. The Bengalis called it *dingi* or *dinga*.



CHUTNEY
This tasty concoction was exported along with the word to the west.

Compiled and illustrated by NIOS students (Trisha, Naomi, Natasha, Angelina, Alesha, Devyani and Salvina)

Joy of Life

Make each day a magnificent adventure,
Accept the challenges that come your way.
Seize each opportunity that you find,
Without concern for what others will say.

Live each day as though it was the last,
Accomplish all that you set out to do.
Instead of putting things off for tomorrow,
Follow your goal until you see it through.

Experience each day with open arms,
Savouring both victory and strife,
Welcoming the good and the bad together,
For only then you will know – THE JOY OF LIFE.

- SanjanaBabbar XII B



School Library

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. Reading good books is like having a conversation with the finest men of the past centuries. It is one of the few havens remaining where a person's mind can get both inspiration and comfort. A good book in your hands is a true friend. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever,' and a collection of literary work is a perennial source of joy. So pamper yourself by reading the latest addition to the school library. Books such as Great Poems, Believe It or Not, Trees and Shrubs etc have been added recently.

An Elegy Written in a City Book Fair (with apologies to Thomas Gray)

*PragatiMaidan! O hear its clarion call!
It beckons those who read, its halls to gauge!
It speaks of worlds in every book-filled stall,
It sighs of print! of cover! and of page!*

*And yet within its walls is dust and grime.
Brute herds pour in – wreck every corridor.
"I'm here for books," one cries, engulfed. "Is that a
crime?"*

The crowd hears not at all, and cares no more.

*Instead of books, perspiring flesh is smelt.
One's shoved roughly aside, one's shoulders clutched.
Save heat and claustrophobia, nothing's felt –
'Midst all, alas! the shelves remain untouched.*

*'Tis plain, this mob's not here for love of words,
But rather because it's 'the place to go'.
One and one's kind, indeed, are labelled 'nerds',
Who with love for literature are aglow!*

*'Cain is for Charlie – Delta is for Cain.'
'Someday,' 'Yes, Minister,' 'Who is John Galt?'
No more delighteth statements in this vein
The human mind. How grievous this assault!*

*Where will it end? Will Ayn Rand be forgotten?
Isaac Asimov? Daphne du Maurier?
Have ideas become so misbegotten?
Has humanity gone so far astray?*

*Automation doth rule our 'sapient' realm.
It is not now ideas but hands that drive,
Books themselves have been wrested from the helm!
How, then, can book fairs expect to survive?*

*"They read no more," one reluctantly tells oneself.
"Our species has forgotten how to dream.
The book is simply left upon the shelf –
The word has fallen from its high esteem."*

*The grave's already dug, O lover of prose!
Hear thou the death-knell of the paragraph!
Here lies the Book Fair in its final throes,
With 'Anachronism' upon its epitaph.*

Paritosha XII B

Those Afghani Eyes



Near the border she stood,
In a sea-green attire,
So young, so vulnerable,
Such a poised, scared stance,
And such a beauty, such a beauty!
Her chin resting on bloodied hands,
Scarred and dried by harsh winters,
And who knows, maybe the harsh wars too?
Skin showing with the sheen of pearls,
Lips crafted by the Lord's Hands Himself,
A petite figure, yonder the border she stood,
Hoping to fly away from the terror around.
Oh she was, and I hope still is, like a dove...
But when you looked at her,
What will strike you is not her young beauty,
It will be those huge, soft hazel eyes,
Oh those lovely eyes,
In those eyes, fear, extreme fear,
For it is but a human trait,
To sense the cries of another,
And I saw stark fear,
For from those eyes that in childhood,
May have weaved many a dreams of gold,
Maybe she saw no hope,
She saw no future perhaps,
Only and only death, only and only war...

Oh my heart goes out to her!
And now each night when I go to bed,
At the end of my prayer to God I say,
Oh Lord, I beseech thee,
Keep that girl safe,
Keep her in good health,
Help her escape from something that just isn't as her,
Oh my Heavenly Father,
Keep that beauty, I don't know her name,
Keep her alive,
So that some day,
A loyal young Pashtun man,
May become a captive of those beautiful Afghani
eyes....

**Tanushree Baijal
XC**



My Angels

I opened my eyes and there you were,
A priceless prize, my personal angels.
Loving me every minute of the day,
And all the time for me, you pray.

Guarding me in each atrocity
Giving me my own identity
So that I grow up to be
To touch the sky, soaring free.

Always there for me when I am in tears,
And driving away all my fears,
You want all the happiness for me,
And always fill my heart with glee.

As you make me strong enough,
To face this world that is rough,
I know I love you and you love me too,
And I promise, with you I'll always be true.

I understand how much you care
For my present and future, so that
I remain not just an aspirant
But become successful and independent.

Without you, I am nothing in this world
My true potential you do unfurl
Watching each of my steps, you are there
I am safe in your protective care.

~ VibhutiYadav XI B

Our World Today

I'm standing on the side of the road,
It's dark, nobody's around
I walk a little further.
See more shadows there, and then look about
Shove my hands in my pocket,
Then I hear a crash, a thud and a shout.
I peek over the side of the wall,
See a group of guys, nearly six feet tall,
And spot another guy, flattened on the pavement,
Asking for forgiveness, trying to repent.
I see him sobbing and wailing, crying and yelping,
See him asking for aid – but nobody's helping.

And when it's dusk and the street lights are dim,
I see that the tall guys have finished with him.
See him lying in a pool of red,
With broken ribs and a smashed head,
And then a tear escapes my eye,
And I ask myself this question that why,
Could not I help this guy in his time of need?
And why is our world so violent indeed?

~ AmbicaVarma VIII – B

A Child's Dream

Once a man came into a child's dream,
He was wearing a plain dress in a shade of cream,
He asked the child what his wish was,
The child replied he would like to save everyone like Krishh!!
The man disappeared by listening to this.
Years past by and the child grew old,
He then received a letter that told,
He had to go to the border bold!
He made arrangements for the same,
And thought nothing would be a better claim.
He saved lives and helped many,
But he was shot by someone he had trust on and called Nany.
At the end of his life when he was lying in pain,
The man who came in his dream appeared again,
He looked and smiled at him,
The child replied –THANK YOU VERY MUCH
And then his eyes dimmed.

~ Ojaswita X B

(Six poems of Ojaswita were published in the
Hindustan Times, Student Edition)



DÉJÀ VU

Remember how I walked away
On tiny feet, my first school day?

With my tiny hands
I waved good bye,

And I saw tears in the corner of your eyes,
But you were brave and so was I
We both tried hard not to cry.

My little feet carried me to school

I remember you saying
"You must obey every rule!"

My little hands opened the heavy school door.
Everywhere I looked, there were kids galore.
I walked down rather reluctantly to Prep A
There was Mrs.Dey to show me the way

We made a big family, Mrs.Dey, the 'Mother'
With a family this large, we had to help each other!

I tried hard to listen to her the whole year,
So when I was in first grade, I had nothing to fear.
The muscles in my hands were much stronger,
And even my feet looked a whole lot longer.

Now on the last day of school,
as we all wave good byes

Do you think my teachers will have tears
in their eyes?

It has really been great,
I enjoyed every school year here
And if it weren't for all of you,
I just wouldn't have been there!

Daman Deep Kaur, XII A
(Head Girl, 2010-2011)

TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

When the year 2010 faded away,
On a frosty nerve jangling,
31st December night
So did the time with immortal memories sway
With the priceless moments I'd spent with
delight.

As the new year rises with the sunshine,
I make some knotty resolutions
I promise to pursue them relentlessly,
To emerge, as a better person.

I'll always brush my teeth at night
Before I go to bed, well in time
And never listen to songs late at night
And not make the school desks my graffiti site.

Whenever my sister annoys or irritates me
I'll control my bad petulance.
And instead of locking her in the bathroom
I'll forgive her for the disobedience.

Whenever I'm given to complete an obligation
Instead of submitting it on the last day of
submission
I promise to give it on the first day,
Whether I've been ill or on a vacation.

If I learn that my friends are back biting
I promise to keep my head
I will never start off skirmishing
I'll forgive them instead.

It might be difficult to accomplish all these
To this promise I would adhere,
That the resolutions that were
made are kept
And not postponed to next year.

Vashitaa Sethi IX C

Mom, You Are Wonderful...

Mom, if I'm not wrong
You're gentle and yet so strong,
You care for me always
And make me feel that
I belong to you in many ways;
The moment I'm foolish,
You guide me patiently,
When I'm puzzled or lost,
You are there to show me the path.
To set me right, you may slap,
But I feel comfort only in your lap.
In the moments of grief,
You are whom I believe,
In trouble if I fall,
You support me on my call.
Oh, Mom! You're just so wonderful.

- Vanshika Mehta VI B

My Pet

My pet's name is Buddy
He loves to go all muddy.
He's a five-month old dog,
Who rolls over like a log.
His stomach, I guess has no end
But he is a funny, faithful friend.
He loves to run around the park,
Like big dogs, he can't bark.
He's really very cute,
And listens eagerly as I play the flute,
His features are unique,
His face in my heart I always keep.
For him I care for every moment to spare
He is mine and I am his
I will never ever forget this.

Manvee Kumar Saidha VII C



Up In The Sky

When you are down and you want to get high,
Just take a good look up in the sky,
What you will see are the stars above
And all you need is to proclaim your love.
Who you will find and see so clear,
Are friends whom you want to hold near.
Whenever you need them just look up high,
Call their name and see them fly.
Every friend you meet holds a star,
And you can see them no matter how far they are.
Whenever you are down and want to get high,
Just have a good look up in the sky.

Akansha Jha VI B

OUR WORLD

A special word for you and me,
A special bond one cannot see,
It wraps us up in its cocoon,
And holds us fiercely in its womb.

Its fingers spread like fine spun gold,
Like silken thread gently nestling us to the folds,
Keeps us, and it holds us best,
Bonds like these are meant to last.

And although at times a thread may break,
A new one forms in its wake,
To bind us closer and keep us strong,
In a special world where we belong and throng.

Jaisal Singh VII - B

SOARING ON THE WINGS OF MUSIC

Music is something which can heal any heart, any mind. Maybe that is why it is my passion: one of my greatest dreams is to be a singer. So it is really encouraging to know that I have taken a step towards my goal. I got an opportunity to appear on television and my training as a singer helped me to showcase my passion. During the summer vacation I got a chance to meet Q8 Band as my maternal uncle is a guitarist. This band had a programme in a leading south Indian TV channel, Jay Hind, and it was hosted by the renowned genius G.S. Pradeep. It had been my dream ever since I was a child to meet him. I never imagined that it would be fulfilled this way. I sang a song for their band at their request. On hearing it, they asked me to sing a song for their program on television. It was unbelievable that they gave me an opportunity. I was amazed at the way God's plan unfolded itself. I sang the famous song by Shakira 'Whenever, Wherever'. This programme was also uploaded on YouTube by the channel. I really thank God for giving me such wonderful opportunities and also my dear school for giving me the confidence to take that opportunity.

Teena Benjamin VI A



THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE

The village was plagued by a monster, indeed
Who committed a most gruesome and frightful deed.
It was a tiger with burning eyes,
A creature, that normally from human-beings shies.
But it continued to kill,
His appetite he couldn't fill.

Then a famous hunter with his gun came
In search of healthy and wholesome game
But it was known that the tiger was hurt
Through another hunter's half-successful effort;
So the limp tiger couldn't hunt,
And the village had to bear the brunt
As people disappeared day by day
The hunter decided it was time for some serious play;
The tiger's sad tale
The hunter's mark could not fail;
The majestic beast fell to the ground
As I wondered whose guilt was found
Man or Beast?

- Anusha Sinha VIII-B

*(Two poems of Anusha were published in the
Hindustan Times Students Edition)*

Colours of FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a single soul
Dwelling in two bodies
To trust each other beyond all doubts
To live for one another

Someone to share your laughter with
Perhaps even to shed some tears
Friend is someone who stands by you
Throughout the many years

A bond that draws you
out of darkness when you fall
A helping hand beside you
Always firm and strong

It's a thread that binds two people
by no means to be severed
It's a perfect bond of two minds
Always to be revered

This treasure all do seek
But only a few do find
Friendship is a boon of heaven
A manifestation of the divine.

Sherin Joseph IX-C

Prized Possesion

Everyone has a precious thing in life
Something that is very close to their hearts
Something that stays with them and plays its
part
For me, it is my watch

It was gifted to me by my dad
It is silver and black
It is always kept in its special pack
Because it is the most precious thing I have

Losing it is the scariest dream I can ever have
A dream which I can never believe
A dream which will leave me depressed
Because it is the most precious thing I
possess!!!

SanchitaSivaraman VIII-B

And The Journey Goes On

When I open my eyes each morning
And look at the shining sun
I am overwhelmed with the feeling
That it's a long way that I've come.

Full of ups and downs and highs and lows
It has been such an eventful journey
From my first footsteps on unsteady toes
To the person today that's me.

I was a gurgling infant once
Playing in the arms of my mother
And watched over by my parents
Who shaped me like a potter.

I know I'm still a young sapling
And my branches have to twist and turn
But there will be many things I'll be
improving
Because there are many lessons to be
learnt.

I'm thankful to the Almighty
For the shade that he provides
And for my friends and family
Who are always by my side.

PratishthaMamgain X A

WHO IS TO BLAME?

We read in the newspapers and hear it on the air
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere
We sigh and say as we notice the trend
This young generation... when will it end?
But can we be sure that it's their fault alone?
Is it a sin for which they must atone?
Are we less guilty, who place in their way
Too many things that lead them astray?
Too much money, too much idle time,
Too many movies of passion and crime
Too many books not fit to be read,
Too much evil in what they hear, being said.
Kids don't make the movies, they don't write the books
They don't paint the pictures of gangsters and crooks
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars
They don't change the laws, nor make fast-paced cars
They don't make drugs that muddle the brain
That's all done by older folks...eager for gain
'Delinquent teenager'; Oh! How we condemn
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.
Instead of playing the blame game, let's fix the cause
And introspect and ponder, as we pause
That in so many cases – it's sad but it's true
The title 'Delinquent' fits older folks too!

Aditi Bishnoi XI B

DO GOOD AND DO IT WELL

When I adopted a dog, I didn't know I was doing a good deed.
As it whimpered in the fog, I knew it hurt indeed.

Its family had long departed, resigned to nature's laws
It had strayed to this unknown street, relying on her little paws
Then a few days later, it fell sick, barely twenty days old,
I just had to do something, as it shivered with the cold
The bond between us had grown so strong, in such a short time
That leaving it that way seemed to me a frightful crime
I picked it up in my hands, Oh! The touch of that fur
I felt the pangs of concern, my eyes went blur
It opened its eyes and looked up to see
I thought it would be afraid, instead it snuggled close to me.

It slept soundly in my lap, a small mass of gold
It was warm inside the car, unlike outside-bitter cold
It was then I realized and the truth dawned on me
That somehow its life now depended on me,
I felt a lump in my throat
With this responsibility could I cope?
But there was another voice that did speak
Giving me the answer that I did seek.

"Do good and do it well
In my heart" it did resound
It gave my deed a new meaning.
As homeward I was bound

Rheeya.K.Sreedharan VIII-A

The Best of Both Worlds

'No matter how crazy, serious, hard, easy or anything else life may be, it's all you have so have fun!'

How true is that supposed to be? Well, according to me, this one will have varied answers.

For many, this is the motto of their lives. Have fun, party hard, have even more fun and party even harder. These kind of 'cool' people are generally the losers, who have nothing else to do except merry-making. These people are included in the category of The UnWanted's, for me that is. They take their life for granted and make no use of it. They waste their talents because of their lethargic and extremely casual attitude towards life.

Then again, there is another breed of humans for whom "Life is a race. If you don't run fast, you will be like the cuckoo bird's broken egg." Part II of the UnWanted's. These kind of people have nothing to do except compete only to win. It is not wrong working hard to make a mark but just like there needs to be a bottom line, there has to be an upper line too. Life is NOT a race. It's just a friendly marathon where family, friends and society, etc. are important too and must be kept pace with. Life is not always about filling the pot with gold coins, it also means spending those coins, enjoying the fruits of your labour, splurging on yourself and also indulging others. What use are the millions lying unused in a bank vault.

The third group, a small number, but definitely "Wanted" group of people, are what most of us would want to identify ourselves with. They wake up early to complete their studies because they know they have a party that night. They have drawn a line, between work and play. Their life is not monotonous as it is a healthy combination of both. They do not go down on their expectations but they also never cancel plans for the latest parties and movies. In short, they make the best of both worlds.

Aruna Chawla X A

Save The World

Can man create those lofty trees?
Or at least these buzzing bees?
Can he make the wind blow?
Or make the murmuring rivers flow?
Can he shower blessings on a man's head?
Can he bring back the dead?
In other words- we destroy the forests
Destroy nature, make water impure
Destroy medicinal plants
No medicines to cure.

All species are in danger
They are asking for a favour
Grant it to them and be a saviour
Wildlife is up in smoke
Please! Please! Don't poach!
The ozone layer is depleted by carbon-dioxide
But there's no one to listen to Mother Earth's cries.
Explain about Nature to those who refuse to hear
Nature will punish if its resources we'll misuse.

Sagrika Bahuguna & Bipasha Kumar, VII A

Impossible is Nothing

Once I was told by my father
'All is well' is a mantra
Continue ,Don't quit is a tantra
Impossible is nothing I was told
Continue to weave your dreams in gold

Though failures I did see
Hoping for better luck next time
I continued relentlessly
Impossible is nothing I was told
Continue to weave your dreams in gold

When failures did persist
All alone to myself I thought
Good for me what had it brought?
Impossible is nothing I was told
Continue to weave your dreams in gold

I swore to get perfection
I persisted with true passion
My failure now did wane
My fortunes now did soar
My dreams now shone in gold.

Aastha Sehgal IX C

DIARY OF A BACK - BENCHER

"Those were the days, my friend, we thought they'd never end, we'd sing and dance forever and a day..." these lines from the 1970's hit song called 'Those were the days' by Mary Hopkins echo through my mind as an important phase of my life i.e. my school days are now coming to an end.

My mind is just so full of mixed thoughts and emotions! The anticipation of the heady freedom of college life, no homework, no uniform, no routine assignments... but wait a minute! I am already looking so nostalgically at the majestic red bricks building of my school, the morning assembly, the crisp candy striped uniform, the journals with the LC logo and crest and of course, the broken tree log in the school field that was our favourite haunt during recess.

I will certainly miss the attention of my teachers and our benevolent principal.

My heart sings a melancholic tune to think of all my friends who will now be scattered and relocated to various colleges to pursue their dream careers. Now coming to think of it, my school life was such a 'comfort zone'. It was like being in a well-tended garden whereas college life may be a 'Jungle Safari!!'

The countdown for our twelfth board examination has started in right earnest and my mind is still juggling with feelings of joy and sorrow. Joyous to be a young and responsible adult and sorrowful to let go of the apron - strings of my 'Alma - mater', whose memories I shall always cherish. I will carry a part of it within me, no matter where I go...

- Nidhi Ahir XII A

What is True Beauty?

True beauty is a heart's delight
Or it may leave you mesmerized
This world in beauty lies abound,
In colour, vision, thought and sound.

But I set out myself to see,
The essence of true beauty.
As I travelled for miles around
Lured by the world's cheerful sounds
To my query a god man said,
"True beauty lies in nature's lap
It's when you let your mind free
And allow yourself to see,
The creation as god meant it to be
In all its perfect grandeur, celebrating his glory."

Enamored by his answer I moved on,
It left me in turmoil
Can beauty only be in perfection?
Or is it in its appreciation?

Walking on a few more miles,
I met a lovely woman, who spoke as she smiled,
"I saw true beauty when I held my child
In my arms, for the very first time."
My heart over brimmed
The smile on her face was so sublime.
Is innocence now, how beauty is defined?

I felt convinced and yet moved on,
Seeking my answers from a man called Mr. Wang

Perfect at the culinary art,
Definition of true beauty from him I sought,
"When I dish a meal to whet an appetite,
I see true beauty come alive.
When I add the spices and stir them well,
And watch everything so perfectly swell
When I dice my veggies that look like jewels to me,
And when someone appreciated my food
Its fills my heart with glee
And, I, true beauty see.

I walked on, needing more to find,
And came across a man, who was blind
And to my query asking him to define
True beauty
With a wistful expression he spoke his mind,
"Child you notice, I can't see,
Yet, I seem to sense it tenderly.
When someone leads me across the street,
I see true beauty.
I see it in that friend,
Who spared a moment to take me round the bend.

I found so many answers,
Yet, didn't know which one was true.
But one thing I certainly knew,
True beauty lies in each one of you.

Khadija Khan, IX C

(What is True Beauty? Is the prize winning entry in the self-composed category at an Inter-School Competition)

Where is the HONEST INDIAN?

India certainly takes the centre stage in bagging the top honours, topping polls worldwide on a plethora of events ranging from cricket to tourism. Ironically it ranks 89th in the worldwide list of the most corrupt nations.

One may cease to wonder at the completely paradoxical statistics. The reason for this is the new wave of emerging politicians, business tycoons, not to forget the youth too who prefer to sweep the dirt a tad too often under the mat, the most recent debacle being the much talked about CWG.

The fall in the value system and the breach of code of ethics has been a drastic one. It may be attributed to the fact that we are so hell-bent upon aping the West who have no Gita's or Koran's enforcing the best policy of honesty. The world characterized by increasing workloads, peer pressure fuelled by the race to the top in the fast paced life sounds the death knell for the honest bumpkin. A severe bout of money madness drives people insane, and they do not think twice before bending the rules, as aptly demonstrated by Mr. Lalit Modi and Mr. Raju.

Schools play a pivotal role in sowing the seeds of truth at a tender age and go out of their way to produce morally polished alumni. But once out of school one in three Indians fall prey to luscious goodies and unfortunately end up choosing crook over hook.

In order to save India further blushes one must delve into the depths of the heart to retrieve morals buried under the gigantic heap of lies and guilt. It's time we take a stand for truth and return to school-enforced noble ideals. It's time for the honest people to take centre stage.

Aditi Jaiswal XB



L.C.'s basketball team: Up, close and personal

All ball games are basically about brisk moves, smart choices and most importantly, team spirit. Then, what makes basketball stand out? To find out, we asked a member of Loreto Convent's basketball team the same question. "The fact that it is 'Basketball' makes it completely different from any other ball game!" was the confident reply.

Once you are on the team, apart from the "Yes, I'm in the SCHOOL team!" feeling, you have the most supportive team-mates and the most encouraging coach around. Plus, the respect you get from your fellow school-mates makes it all worth the effort. The first time you put on the jersey...the first match you play...the first trophy you lift...are some of those unexplainably glorious moments which always occupy a special place in every team member's memories.

Light-hearted moments shared amongst the team-mates hold the team together. Working as one single unit for the school's glory and not their own is the fundamental thought that drives them forward. The coach of our team is very supportive and at the same time an excellent teacher who is himself a master of the game.

During the innumerable practice sessions, your performance is the only concern but when in a match, the team's performance is anything and everything. That is the kind of dedication and mindset that has helped us win almost every tournament we've played. The placement of the members on the court is decided on the basis of their height, speed and personal techniques so as to provide the team the best possible line-up.

When our team goes to other schools for matches, the most talked-about topic (other than the strengths and weaknesses of the other team) is the food/refreshment that they want to be served there! Before going on the court, the one last line that acts as the driving force for our team is "FIGHT L.C.!!"

Losing a match is always disheartening. But we should always take into consideration that 'whom' we lose to. If our team loses to a strong opponent, then it counts as a learning experience and not exactly a defeat; but if we lose to a team which was not better than us then it's simply heart-breaking. On the other hand, if the team registers a win over a strong opponent...it's always the best thing that could happen! On their way back to school they mostly go over the shoes and jersey of the players of the opposite team...and always end up saying, "Our shoes were better than theirs! No, actually, our game was also better than theirs!"

There is just one thing that our Basketball Team wants from us i.e. their fellow schoolmates- they expect us to be a bit more supportive even when they lose a match and not start passing around under-estimating and ridiculing comments. They just want the people whom they play for, to be always ready to encourage them, no matter if they win or lose.

So, are you ready to do it for them.....? :

Aarohi Khare X-A

SHAKESPEARIANA

There were two young lovers named (1) _____. They lived in a (2) _____. Their wedding was fixed for the (3) _____. The best men were (4) _____. They bought the ring from (5) _____. Their wedding banquet was cooked by the (6) _____. Among the royal guests were (7) _____ and (8) _____ and the famous couple (9) _____. Their wedded life was as rosy as (10) _____ till the bride began to show her true colours and the groom found himself faced with the prospect of (11) _____. There was (12) _____ of quarrels blowing hard in their life. Finally due to the good offices of the bride's brother (13) _____ the two young lovers were made to see that they were making (14) _____ and were united, (15) _____!

Solutions ---

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Romeo and Juliet | (9) Antony and Cleopatra |
| (2) Hamlet | (10) A Midsummer Night's Dream |
| (3) Twelfth Night | (11) Taming of the Shrew |
| (4) Two Gentlemen of Verona | (12) The Tempest |
| (5) The Merchant of Venice | (13) Othello |
| (6) Merry Wives of Windsor | (14) Much Ado about Nothing |
| (7) King Lear | (15) All's Well That Ends Well |
| (8) Julius Caesar | |

Contributed by
Adwaidha Lily Santosh
IX C



THE TALE OF TWO CITIES AND A SEA MONSTER

This is a tale of two cities: One - a fat round little island called Happy Land and the other - an underwater city inside the sea near Happy Land called Merry Waters. Citizens of both these cities were very happy because the island and the sea together took care of all their needs. Now wait a sec...Happy world ...happy people ...happy everything!! Isn't this story a bit boring? Hmm ...time to add a twist to the tale, right? So wake up sleepyhead and get ready to be spooked! Do you hear that weird thumping sound? Can you see what I see? Oh my God! It's a bird....it's a plane....it's a SEA MONSTER!! Run for your life!!



"Aargh! How did this horrible creature get here?" roared Papa John, King of Merry Waters. He called a meeting to discuss ways to kill the newly arrived monster.

"Your Majesty, it's all Happy Land people's fault," said Honey-curls, the octopus, eager to shift the blame on someone else. "The monster calls itself Miss Trish-Trash. The land people have crushed it by throwing all their rubbish and garbage in the sea"

"We must destroy this green-blob-thing. It's killing all our little fishes and making our life totally miserable," said Papa John excited at the idea of waging a new war.

"B..But your Majesty... the monster is very big and strong and undefeatable. She's chomping down all the garbage on the sea. The more garbage she gets, stronger and bigger she becomes," Honey-curls replied nervously.

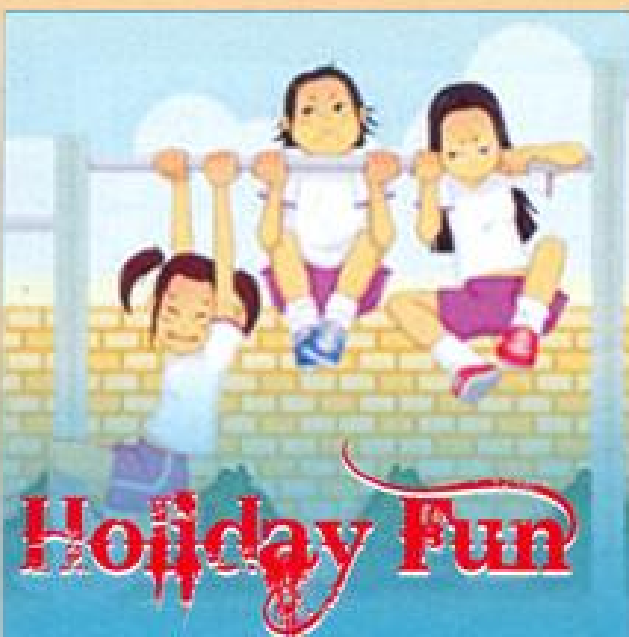
"I have an idea" squeaked Princess Precious, daughter of Papa John eager to help her daddy solve this latest problem. "Let's send a message to the Happy Land people. We'll tell them not to put their rubbish in the sea. The monster will have no food to eat, so she'll at last become frail and weak."

"Hurrray! Then we can defeat her. Can't wait to begin my war dance!" cried Papa John gleefully.

Meanwhile another meeting on the same subject was going on in Happy Land. Why? Because obviously the monster was causing troubles for the land people as well! Whenever they went near the sea for taking out water, the monster would scare their wits off!! So not going near the sea equals no drinking water, no washing clothes, and no water for agriculture...in fact NO WATER AT ALL! These people had absolutely no idea how to destroy the monster they created! Just then like an answer to their prayer, the land people got the message from Papa John. They realized their mistake and stopped polluting the sea. Poor Miss Trish-Trash got no more garbage to eat and at last had no choice but at last Happy Land was happy again. Phew!!

Now where do you think this monster's gone? Here's a scary thought - I've heard the river near you is polluted and full of garbage. Hmmm.....and Miss Trish-Trash loves garbage. But don't worry - remember the plan of Princess Precious and you too will be able to defeat this bad sea monster! So no more polluting the sea okay!!

Riya John IV B



Long holidays are such a bore
Children wanted to have fun and more.
Mother said "Let's have a cake".
Which she wanted to bake.

A cake is such a treat
That we love to eat.
The cake flour is made from wheat
Which is baked in the oven heat.

The chocolate icing on the top
The balloons go pop!
The children running around
Having fun with the clown.
Isn't that such a merry sound!

The children play hide and seek
Hiding behind the chairs of teak.
Partying together was such fun
That made new year holiday a great one!

Akanksha Mahajan III A

My Cat

I have a cat she is very fat,
She eats up all the rats.
I bet she likes fish more.
And searches them on the seashore.
Her whiskers are as long as my hair,
Her skin is as soft as cotton wool.
She drinks milk purr.....rr.....rr
Her eyes are blue and lovely too
She is my pet and her name is Kitty.

Aastha Tanwar

III B



Earth

God created earth
For humans and animals
He created the sun and the moon
To light it with day and night.
However earth is slowly dying
Because of human activity illegal
Logging and burning of waste.
Now let us put our minds together,
Our earth sure needs help.
Deforestation is one solution,
That can be one of our resolutions.

Simran Kaur IV B

My dear Shillong

Beautiful Shillong
I lived for five long years,
Now I am in the city
The capital city
Shortage of water
Shortage of power
Everything polluted
How can I live here?
Oh God, take me back to Shillong again,
I want to be in heaven.
Oindrilla Ghosh III A



Good Manners

Good manners are like flowers,
That may have some magic powers.
'Please' 'Sorry' and 'Thanks'
Are like money in the banks.
Use them when required and see,
How good you can feel.

Ria Nihalani II A



MY TEACHERS

I love my teachers
They are intelligent,
I can tell everyone.
My teachers are brilliant,
They are good in nature
They love us all.
They explain things that we ask
They are good and kind
The questions we ask they don't mind,
I love my teachers.

Bhabya Kumari IV A

MITOO IS FREE

The big blue sky and the guava tree,
Were far away for poor Mitoo the parrot,
He lived in a cage, by the old lane,
Sometimes he would eat a carrot.

Often in his dreams he would be flying,
Just like the other birds who were free.
Mitoo disliked the tiny cage,
And longed for a nest in the tree.

Palak had come on a holiday,
He wondered who would play with him all day.
Then Palak spotted Mitoo and they had a chat,
About books and their aunty who was fat.

One day uncle went off to market,
Aunty was busy eating lunch,
Palak opened Mitoo's cage and he quickly flew away.
Uncle was angry and Aunty cried away.
As Mitoo thanked Palak from the treetop,
His dreams came true and he was free.

Jahanavi Gupta IV A



Why not me?

Why are my parents adults
And why not me?
Why can my mother cook food
And why not me?
Why is my father using laptop
And why not me?
Why can my sister speak Sanskrit
And why not me?
Why is life so unfair?

Avantika Sharma IV B

ZERO

Zero plays a vital role in Maths
Zero is neither positive nor negative
Zero is a whole number
Zero has no reciprocal
Zero plus zero is zero.
And zero multiplied by zero is zero
Any number with power zero is one
So, that makes zero the hero.

Ritika Pandey II A

The Porcupine

The porcupine is puzzled
That his friends should act so queer.
For though they come to visit him,
They never come too near.

They often stop to say hello
And pass the time of the day
But still the closest of them all
Stays many feet away.

He sits and ponders endlessly
But never finds a clue as to
To why his close companions
Act the distant way they do

The porcupine has never had
The notion in his brain
That what he finds enjoyable
To others is a pain.

Adrija Mukherjee IV B



MY MOTHER

I love my mother she is a 'cutey'
Loving her is my duty.
She is my best friend
But sometimes she's so tired
That she needs some rest.
My mother is so beautiful
Yes, she is so wonderful.
I love my mother
I love her the most.

Keya Nandi III A

THE SUNFLOWER



I planted a seed
In my garden bed.
It's so slow to grow,
I grumbled.

A little green shoot
Came up at last;
And then I found
It grew too fast.

For now my sunflower's
Grown so tall
I can't reach up to it, at all.



Ayesha Javed IV A

Granny: Granny: please comb my hair

Granny, granny please comb my hair
You always take your time, :
You always take such care.

You put me on a cushion
Between your knees,
You rub a little coconut oil
As gentle as a breeze

Mummy, Mummy
She's always in a hurry
She pulls my hair
Sometimes she tugs.

But granny
You have all the time
In the world
And when you're finished
You always turn my head and say

Do it but do it well

A little baby bird is trying to fly
Oh baby bird, do it but do it well.
The weather is so dry

And you try to fly high
Do it, but do it well.
It can rain, it can hail,
Be courageous, be brave
You will win the sky
Do it well.



प्रकृति को बचाओ

कहाँ है वो जंगल?
कहाँ है वो गाँव?
कहाँ है वो नरम घास?
जो थी बड़ी खास।
कहाँ है वो शीतल पानी?
कहाँ है वो बादल?
कहाँ है वो वर्षा?
कहाँ है वो वृक्ष?
जो थे अमूल्य।
कहाँ है वो पक्षी?
जो थे बड़े अच्छे।

मनुष्य! छोड़ो अपना स्वार्थ,
और शुरू करें परमार्थ।

-मीनाक्षी पी
सातवीं 'ब'

हमारी प्यारी धरती

इतनी बड़ी धरती हमारी
और छोटे से हम
धरती पर, धरती के नीचे
कुछ रहते धरती के ऊपर,
सब में जीवन, सब है बराबर,
नहीं है कोई कम।
इतनी बड़ी धरती हमारी
और छोटे से हम।
कोई घास, पौधे नन्हें
जीवन रक्षक वृक्ष हमारे
रोटी, दाल, सब्जी फल
उम्मीदों के खेत हमारे
जब तक भूमि हरी रहेंगी
स्वस्थ रहेंगे हम।
इतनी बड़ी धरती हमारी
और छोटे से हम।

नयन महाजन
सातवीं 'बे'

चलो, पेड़ बचाओ!



मेरी अभिलाषा

कभी मैं चाहूँ डॉक्टर बनना
कभी बनना है इंजीनियर

कभी सोचती हूँ, कुछ करना है
तो लगता है बन जाऊँ सिंगर।

फिर ख्याल आता है कि
क्यों न बनूँ एक लेखिका...

पापा कहते हैं अफसर बनो,
मम्मी कहती एक गायिका!

आखिर में मुझे लगा कि
कल जो होगा भला होगा,
अब याद हम क्या-क्या रखें!

मेहनत करते रहें हर एक पल
तो सुंदर होगा आने वाला कल।

- शांभवी शर्मा
आठवीं 'अ'



पेड़ उगाओ, पेड़ बचाओ
चारों ओर हरियाली फैलाओ।
पेड़ों बचाओ
प्रदूषण तुम घटाओ
चलो पेड़ उगाओ।
पेड़ों को उगाकर
उनकी छाँव में गाकर
अपना दिन बनाओ
जीवन को खुशहाल बनाओ!
चलो पेड़ उगाओ।
चलो पेड़ बचाओ।

-अर्पिता अबरोल
सातवीं 'ब'

धन की सीमा



धन से भोजन मिलता है
किन्तु भूख नहीं।
धन से दवा मिलती है
किन्तु स्वास्थ्य नहीं।
धन से साथी मिलते हैं
किन्तु सच्चे मित्र नहीं।
धन से एकान्त मिल सकता है
किन्तु शान्ति नहीं।
धन से विस्तर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं
किन्तु नींद नहीं।
धन से आभूषण मिलते हैं
किन्तु रूप नहीं।
धन से सुख मिलता है
किन्तु आनन्द नहीं।
-शीरीन मैथ्यू
आठवीं 'अ'

प्याज काटते समय आँखों में पानी क्यों आ जाता है?

क्या आपने कभी प्याज काटी है? प्याज का नाम सुनते ही आँखों में आँसू आ जाते हैं, काटना तो दूर की बात है। क्या आपको पता है ऐसा क्यों होता है? नहीं पता न!

अब मैं आपको बताती हूँ कि ऐसा क्यों होता है? प्याज में गंधक की मात्रा होती है। प्याज काटते समय यह गंधक हवा में घुल जाता है। वह आँखों में पहुँचकर आँखों में मौजूद पानी से मिल जाती है, जिससे आँखों में जलन होने लगती है। इस से सल्फ्यूरिक एसिड बनता है और आस-पास के लोगों की आँखों में पानी आ जाता है।

सौम्या वर्मा
आठवीं 'अ'

जाने के बाद

मनुष्य का मूल्य समझ आता है।
उसके चले जाने के बाद।
वक्त का मूल्य नज़र आता है,
उसके बीत जाने के बाद।
पत्नों का मूल्य नज़र आता है,
पतझड़ आने के बाद।
आज़ादी की कीमत नज़र आती है,
बंधन में बंध जाने के बाद।
दोस्ती का मूल्य नज़र आता है,
दुश्मनी हो जाने के बाद।
सुखों की कीमत नज़र आती है,
दुख में धिर जाने के बाद।
जीवन का मूल्य समझ आता है,
मौत के आ जाने के बाद।

मेघना चावला
आठवीं 'स'

“बुजुर्गों के प्रति दायित्व”

बुजुर्ग, वृद्ध या वरिष्ठ नागरिक, किसी भी समाज की धरोहर हैं। वह अपने अमूल्य अनुभवों से बच्चों तथा युवा वर्ग को जीने की राह दिखाते हैं। परंतु आज के बदलते समय में कई परिवार बुजुर्गों को एक बोझ समझ रहे हैं। ऐसा क्यों हो रहा है?

आदि काल से अब तक समाज ने कई परिवर्तन देखे हैं। पर ऐसा पहले कभी नहीं हुआ, फिर अब क्यों? आधुनिककरण ने संयुक्त परिवारों को लगभग समाप्त कर दिया है। नौकरी की तलाश में पढ़े-लिखे युवक-युवतियाँ गाँव और शहर से यहाँ तक कि अपने देश से दूर जा रहे हैं। ग्रामीण - क्षेत्रों से भूमिहीन किसान शहरों की ओर पलायन कर रहे हैं। ऐसे में परिवार के नाम पर पति, पत्नी और उनके एक या दो बच्चे हो रह गए हैं। दादा - दादी, नाना - नानी की ऐसे परिवारों ने भूमिका समाप्त कर दी है।

कई वृद्ध, आश्रमों में रह कर अपने जीवन का सहारा ढूँढ लेते हैं। वे अपनी उम्र के लोगों में घुल मिल जाते हैं। जिन बुजुर्गों को बीमारी घेर लेती है, उनके परिवार जन उन्हें ऐसे आश्रमों में बोझ समझ कर छोड़ देते हैं। वे माता पिता जो अपने बच्चों की खुशियों के लिए अपनी खुशियाँ कुर्बान कर देते हैं, क्या वे बोझ हैं? आज के युग में पारिवारिक संबंधों में 'मैं' की स्वार्थ भावना पाँव पसारती जा रही है।

समाज का बुजुर्गों के प्रति दायित्व बनता है। इन्हीं बुजुर्गों ने जवानी में समाज की उन्नति के लिए योगदान दिया था। फिर ढलती उम्र में समाज की ऐसी बेरुखी क्यों? क्यों न हम एक ऐसा समाज बनाए जिसमें हम एक-दूसरे के सुख - दुख के साथी बनें, अपने बच्चों में एक-दूसरे के प्रति समर्पण की भावना जागृत करें। यदि समाज सचेत होगा, तभी सरकार भी जिम्मेदारी से काम करेगी। सरकार और समाज को बुजुर्गों के स्वास्थ्य, सुरक्षा और अन्य देखभाल का मिल जुल कर काम चोटना होगा। हाँ, युवावर्ग को फिर एक बार याद दिलाना होगा कि जिंदगी सीढ़ी की तरह ऊपर नहीं जाती। जिंदगी पेड़ की तरह होती है, भौं-बाप सीढ़ी के पहले पाख्यान नहीं होते, बल्कि पेड़ की जड़ होते हैं।

प्रतिष्ठा ममगाई
दसवीं 'अ'



सुखी समाज

पत्ता-पत्ता जुड़कर है बनाता एक वृक्ष
और तने के समान
लोग हैं जुड़कर बनाते एक समाज।
संघ, सभा, समुदाय हैं मेरे ही कुछ नाम।
युगों-युगों से है क्या सोचा सबने
क क्या है एक सुखी समाज?

मैंने भी एक दिन सोचा:-
"क्या है एक सुखी समाज?"

एक समाज जिसमें हो प्रेम,
एक समाज जिसमें हो एकता
एक समाज जिसमें हो भाई-चारा,
मेरे विचार से कहलाए वह सुखी समाज,
तो आओ मिलकर लें आज हम प्रण,
"हम बनाएँगे एक सुखी समाज"

मृणालिनी राज
नवी 'अ'

बेटियाँ

आंस की बूँद सी होती हैं बेटियाँ,
पापा की प्यारी और दादा की दुलारी होती हैं बेटियाँ,
ऐसान करेगा बेटा तो बस एक ही कुल को,
दो - दो कुलों की लाज होती हैं बेटियाँ!

होग अगर है बेटा, तो सच्चा मोती है बेटियाँ!
कूटो पर चलकर राह में फूल बिछाती हैं बेटियाँ,
रुहने को पराई अमानत हैं बेटियाँ,
स बेटों से भी बढ़कर अपनी होती हैं बेटियाँ,
बेटा है आँख तो पलकें हैं बेटियाँ,
जीवन का सारोश होती हैं ये बेटियाँ।

-शिवांगी मनोचा
नवी 'स'



महंगाई

हाय! यह महंगाई,
इसने तो आसमान छू लिया है
कुछ दिनों में तो अंतरिक्ष को भी छू लेगी
यह अब न रुकेगी।

इसने बच्चों से उनका बचपन
माता - पिता से उनका सुख-चैन
दादा - दादी से उनकी दवाई
और नाना-नानी से उनके चहरे की चिकनाई
सब कुछ छीन लिया है।

महंगाई से प्रेरणा लें
चाय ने चीनी
और सब्जी ने फल
का साथ छोड़ दिया है।

है बहुत ही दौट यह महंगाई
सरकार को भी हिला नहीं पाई!
गरीब के जीवन में कटि है भर लाई
हाय! आज की यह महंगाई!!

- दिव्या कुमार
सातवीं 'ब'

बादल

काले - काले पानी वाले
आसमान में बादल आए।
कैसे बादल आकर छाए?
छाए जैसे काले कंबल
लगते कितने सुंदर बादल!

शीरल ग्रेशियस
सातवीं 'ब'





राजनीति

“मीठी बोली”

बरफी मीठी, पेड़ा मीठा
मीठा लड्डू, पेठा मीठा
केला मीठा, चीकू मीठा
सेब, पपीता, सब खाते मीठा।
फिरनी और इमरती मीठी
गजक-रेवड़ी होती मीठी
लीची मीठी, खिरनी मीठी
मीठी चैरी, मिसरी मीठी।

अच्छी लगती मीठी बोली
मीठी बोली, मिसरी घोली
प्यारे बच्चों मीठा बोलो
चीनी जैसे मीठे बोल
कानों में रस घोल।

-सुष्टी तंवर
सातवीं 'ब'

सुनो, आज के राजनेताओं का हाल,
राजनीति तो बन गई है भेड़-चाल
लक्ष्मी का नाम जपते ये राजनेता,
नाम - मान धन सब कुछ बना देता।
संसद में तो है, बवाल ही बवाल
आए दिन राजनेता कर रहे हैं धमाल!
पीछे रह गए सब सवाल।
गांधी जी की नीति से ये सब है अनजान,

इनके हुक्म पर है जनता बेचारी कुरबान!
राजनेता की चाल तो कमाल है कमाल,
हर तरफ मिल रहा है इन्हें माल ही माल।
पर हमारी एकता भी बलवान है
जागों नागरिकों जागो,
उठा दो अपनी आवाज!
आओ प्रतीज्ञा लें, करें नव भारत का निर्माण।

-शानवी कुकरोती
आठवीं 'अ'



राष्ट्र और राष्ट्रीयता

‘राष्ट्र’ शब्द सुनने के साथ एक उक्ति अपने आप हमारे मन -
मस्तिष्क में अपना स्वरूप ग्रहण करने लगती है, वह उक्ति है- “संघे
शक्ति कलियुगे” अर्थात् कलियुग में शक्ति है और ऐसी स्थिति में जब
आज वर्तमान पर नज़र पड़ती है तब हम यह सोचने पर विवश हो जाते
हैं कि आज हमारे सामने जो हमारा राष्ट्र है उसके लिए यह उक्ति सही
है क्या? क्योंकि ऐसा माना जाता है कि वह कोई भी युग हो, जब एकता
और संगठन शक्ति में किसी प्रकार का बिखराव आया हो तो उसने देशों
और राष्ट्रों के जीवन को भी बिखेर कर रख दिया है। इतिहास इस तथ्य
का साक्षी है। संगठन और एकता के बिना राष्ट्र के, समाज के, देश और
मानवता के विकास तथा समृद्धि की कल्पना नहीं की जा सकती।

मनन मेहता
आठवीं 'अ'

पहेली?

- 1 मैं चुलबुली रानी बड़ी सयानी
देख के मुँह में आए पानी,
खाकर देखो ललचाओगे
न खाओ तो पछताओगे।

उत्तर : इमली

- 2 काली हूँ पर चपटी नहीं
गोल हूँ पर मीठी नहीं,
संजियों के काम आती हूँ
सर्दी, खींसी दूर भगाती हूँ।

उत्तर : काली मिर्च

- 3 सूत्रधार जीवन के थे
हर प्रगति की हैं, शक्ति प्रेरणा,
उन के बिना तो लगता जैसे
हर पल जीवन सूना-सूना

उत्तर : माता - पिता

- 4 एक पौधे पर उगा फुटबॉल
हरा भरा, गोलमटोल,
तोड़ा उसे, बेचा सब्जी बाग में,
आया नाम आपके दिमाग में?

उत्तर : पत्तागोभी

- एक घर में कई छछूंदर
सबका मुँह काला,
एक छछूंदर निकल भागा
घर में हुआ उजाला!

उत्तर : माचिस

- 6 नीला जहर भरा है जिसमें
जीध है जिसकी दो,
साँप नहीं पर लंबा है
झट से उत्तर दो।

उत्तर : फाउंटैन पेन

-स्पर्शा मैथाली

कक्षा आठवीं 'अ'

1. रमेश एक जंगल में घूमने गया। वहाँ के
आदिवासियों ने उसे पकड़ लिया।
आदिवासियों के राजा ने रमेश से कहा,
“तुम कोई भी वाक्य कहो। यदि वह सच
हुआ, तो तुम्हें भूनेंगे और यदि झूठ हुआ
तो तुम्हें उबालेंगे।” रमेश ने कुछ ऐसा
कहा, जिसे सुनकर आदिवासियों ने उसे
छोड़ दिया। बोलो, रमेश ने क्या कहा
होगा?

उत्तर:- रमेश ने कहा, “तुम मुझे उबालोगे।”
यदि आदिवासी उसे उबालते, तो उसका
वाक्य सच हो जाता तथा उन्हें उसे भूना
पड़ता। परंतु यदि वे उसे भूने, तो उसका
वाक्य झूठ हो जाता और उन्हें उसे
उबालना पड़ता। दुविधावश उन्होंने उसे
छोड़ दिया।

संस्कृति शर्मा
आठवीं 'स'



चुटकुले



साइंस टीचर - जीने के लिए ऑक्सीजन बहुत जरूरी है। इसकी खोज
1773 में हुई थी।

स्टूडेंट - रैक्स गॉड! मैं 1773 के बाद पैदा हुआ, वरना तो मर ही
गया होता!!

पापा बेटे से - कोई बात नहीं बेटा, तुम्हारी किस्मत में फेल होना लिखा
था तो तुम फेल हो गए..

बेटा - हाँ पापा, वह तो अच्छा हुआ पापा कि मैंने पूरे साल
पढ़ाई नहीं की वरना सारी मेहनत बेकार हो जाती।

अध्यापक - बाबर भारत में कब आया?

बंटी - पता नहीं सर।

अध्यापक - चोर्ड पर नहीं देख सकते, नाम के साथ ही लिखा है।

बंटी - मैंने सोचा शायद वह उसका फोन नंबर है।

प्रज्ञा, चौबी-ब

मेरा स्कूल

जहाँ मुस्काती हैं कलियाँ
और हैंसते हैं फूल,
जहाँ मिटता है औंधरा,
और उड़ जाती है धूल,
जहाँ देखो पनपनाते हैं सुनहरे उमूल,
जहाँ से न उड़ाये कोई कौटे बबूल,
जहाँ ऊँच-नीच की बात फिजूल,
जहाँ वातावरण ऐसा मिलता अनुकूल
वह कोई और जगह नहीं
वह है मेरा प्यारा 'लरिटो कॉन्वेंट' स्कूल॥

मुस्कान भल्ला
सातवीं 'ब'

माँ!

जो अपनी है, दूर नहीं वह,
मिलने से मजबूर नहीं वह,
हम हैंसते तो हैंसती वह है।
हम रोते तो रोती वह है।
दुनिया में सबसे बड़ा रिश्ता 'माँ' का।
माँ स्वर्ग की देवी जैसी,
माँ जन्नत का एक फरिश्ता।
माँ बच्चों के दिल में बसती।
माँ, तेरी ममता में मैंने जीवन के
पल बिताये हैं।
माँ, तेरी इसी बात को सोचकर
चलती जाऊँगी।
जीवनपथ पर आगे बढ़ती जाऊँगी॥

रिधीमा सिंह
सातवीं 'ब'



क्या लिखूँ?

स्कूल की मैगजीन छप रही है
मिला मुझे समाचार।
सोचा मैं भी कुछ लिख डालूँ,
आर्टिकल हो दो चार...
कविता लिखूँ, कहानी लिखूँ या फिर कोई लेख
इसी सोच में बैठी मैं सिर घुटनों में टेक।
पूछा भैया विषय बताओ या फिर कोई प्रसंग
जिसे सब पढ़ें मजे से और हो न कोई तंग,
सोचा बहुत पर लिखने को,
कोई चीज़ न मिली,
इसी सोच में बैठी-बैठी शाम रात में बदली।
इन्हीं विचारों में खोकर एक तुक्का मार डाला
टूटे-फूटे शब्दों में इस कविता को लिख डाला।

-इनायत

आठवीं 'अ'



मित्र

दिखावे के तो लोग अनेक,
सच्चे मित्रों को तो देख।
हर मुश्किल में साथ दे,
पर वापिस कुछ न लें।

सुख-दुख सब कुछ बाँटे,
निभाएँ सारे रिश्ते नाते।
बचपन की कई सारी यादें,
निभाएँ उन्होंने सारे वादें।

मुझे उन पर है विश्वास,
क्योंकि वे हैं बड़े खास।
वे रहते हैं मेरे दिल के पास,
मुझे है उन पर नाज़।

मीनाक्षी पी
सातवीं 'ब'



जीवन का प्रकाश:



विद्या

हर इन्सान को चाहिए विद्या,
हर बच्चे को चाहिए विद्या,
हर मानव को चाहिए विद्या,

विद्या है तो सब कुछ है
विद्या नहीं तो कुछ भी नहीं।

विद्या नहीं तो छापो अँगूठा
विद्या है तो बदल दो दुनिया।।

-फेमी
सातवीं 'ब'

चरित्र

जिन्दगी का सार है 'मैं'
करनी-भरनी का जोड़ है 'मैं'
कहलाता है 'चरित्र'

रंग-रङ्ग दर्शाता है,
कुछ के लिए है मन की प्रवृत्ति
तो कुछ के लिए है, मन की प्रकृति

पाप-पुण्य या लाभ लोभ,
मैं शब्दावाली की है एक वाणी
जो पवित्र है कुरान और गीता की तरह

जीवन के हर मोड़ पर काम आऊँगा 'मैं'
कभी न भूलना मुझको,
मैं ही हूँ तुम्हारा प्रिय मित्र 'चरित्र'।

-मृणालिनी राज
नवीं 'अ'

उम्मीद...

अंधकार का सागर तुम्हें घेरें हुए,
तुम्हारा साया तुम्हें अकेले छोड़े हुए हो,
यह सोच कर तब तुम आगे बढ़ना..
एक है तुम्हारा जो तुम्हें छोड़ेगा न अकेला!
अंधकार का कभी तो अंत होगा।
सुबह का कभी विस्तार होगा।
पहली किरण से जो तुम्हें उज्ज्वल करेगा।
नई शक्ति प्राप्त होगी
तुम्हारा साया तुम्हारे साथ होगा
अंधकार का तब अंत होगा।

-शगुन राणा
सातवीं 'ब'

लिखावट

बच्चों अपना लेख सुधारों,
अक्षरों को कुछ और सवारों,
समझो इनकी सही बनावट,
तभी आएगी ठीक लिखावट।

अच्छा लेख दिलाते नंबर,
इससे खुश हो जाते टीचर।
सुंदर लगने लगते जवाब,
लेख डालता अच्छा कक्षाब।

थोड़ा लिखा भी लगता ज्यादा
अच्छे लेख का बड़ा फायदा।
अपने आप से करें वायदा
चढ़िया अंक यही 'लेख' दिलाएगा।

-हरसिमर कोहली
सातवीं 'ब'



जिंदगी हो तो ऐसी हो...

जिंदगी हो तो ऐसी हो..
जो समय की तरह बहती रहे,
ऊँच - नीच न पथ में बाधा डाले,
न ही मन में निराशा डाले।
जिंदगी हो तो ऐसी हो,
जो सदा अपने पथ पर बहती रहे,
अपनी राह पर निरंतर बढ़ती रहे..
जो फूलों की चाह न कर, काँटों पर चल सके,
जो मजिल की ओर देख
आगे बढ़ सके।
यह जिंदगी क्या जिंदगी जो पानी
सी बहे..
और मन में निराशा डाले।
जिंदगी हो तो ऐसी हो
जो समय की तरह बहती रहे...

-भव्या
आठवीं 'अ'



नारी शक्ति

लक्ष्मी, दुर्गा, सरस्वती
का अवतार नारी है
शिक्षा, रोज़गार और सम्मान
के बिना अधूरी है।

सशक्त हो नारी एक दिन
यह मेरा सपना है

आओ मिलकर हम तुम
आज एक प्रण लें
और नारी के अमूल्य योगदान
को एक बार सलाम करें।

श्रेया ममगाई
आठवीं 'अ'





बरसो मेघा!

बरसो मेघा , बरसो मेघा,
टिप-टिप-टिप तुम बरसाओ पानी
भर दो सारी नदियों को तुम,
बगीचों में हरियाली भर दो
गमी को तुम दूर भगा दो,
हम गाते हैं गीत तुम्हारे,
क्योंकि तुम हो सबसे न्यारे।

सावन की जो दूरे टपके,
झर-झर-झर पतले हिलते
महक जाता है सारा उपवन,
खिल उठता है सबका तनमन
वर्षा का जो आनंद आता,
इसे देख मन खुश हो जाता,
बच्चों की कागड़ की नावें,
बह जाती हैं दूर किनारे . . .
बरसो मेघा , बरसो मेघा,
टिप-टिप-टिप तुम बरसाओ पानी।

रचिता पूरी
सातवीं 'ब'

ग्रीष्म ऋतु

सूर्य की किरणों की लाली,
गर्मी ने कर दी बेहाली,
गर्म हवाएँ मन को बौखलाएँ,
ठण्डा पानी पी तसल्ली आए।

लाल तरबूज देख कर मन ललचाए,
बस खाते जाए , खाते जाएँ,
बर्फ के गोले मन को भाएँ,
सपनों में भी आते जाएँ।

पाठशाला आई होने को बंद,
कैसे लेंगे हिन्दी कक्षा का आनंद!

सिमरन मक्कर
सातवीं 'ब'



‘वर्षा की पहली बूँदें’

ग्रीष्म ऋतु कर रही पलायन
वर्षा का हो रहा आगमन
सब चाहते आंदोलित होना
; छत पर अब भी बिछे बिछौना
सबको इंतजार कि खू ले
वर्षा की पहली बूँदें।

ग्रीतम से है प्रेयसी रुठी
खाई थी क्यों कसमें झूठी
मौका है प्रिया मनाने का
क्रोध के बादल छूट जाने का
ग्रीत के द्वार यकीनन खोलें
वर्षा की वो पहली बूँदें।

मोर-पपीहा बाट जोहते
खेत सदा इंतजार में रहते
सबके मन को हर्षाती
जड़ चेतन आनंद दे जाती
मन कहता बस आकर बोलें
वर्षा की वो पहली बूँदें

प्रिया यादव
आठवीं अ

उफ़! यह पढ़ाई !

पापा कहते हैं, “ थोड़ा पढ़ ले बेटा!”
पर मुझे यह नहीं समझ में आता,
पढ़ने में इतना आलस क्यों आता?

उफ़! यह पढ़ाई! दिन - रात करती है
परेशान

मन तो करता है इधर से भाग जाऊँ,
पर पढ़ाई ना करो तो खिंचते हैं कान,
उम्मीद है कि नम्बर अच्छे लाऊँ!

पढ़ाई, मुझे पता है कि हम अच्छे दोस्त
नहीं,

पर देखो, हमें मित्रता करनी होगी,
कठोर बातों के लिए माफ़ी चाहती हैं
क्या तुम उपहार लांगी?

चलो, अब मुझे पढ़ना होगा,
प्रार्थना करती हूँ इमतिहान अच्छा होगा।

तान्या माँगलिक
आठवीं-अ

“बड़ा कौन”

“बड़े न हूँ गुणन बिन, बिरद बढ़ाई पाए,
कहत धतूरे सौ कनक, गहना घड़ा न जाए।”

संसार में यदि महान व्यक्तियों की जीवनी देखी जाए, तो ऐसे कई उदाहरण मिलेंगे जो साधारण परिवारों से थे। बी. आर. अंबेडकर, प्रेमचंद, एब्राहिम लिंकन, ब्रेल, स्वामी दयानंद सरस्वती, विवेकानंद जैसे महापुरुषों ने सामान्य परिवारों से होते हुए अपनी सोच व कर्मों से संसार को नई राह दिखाई।

वर्तमान युग में ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम, बरैक ओबामा, नेलसन मंडेला, बिल गेट्स, लता मंगेशकर, पेले, ए. आर. रहमान, सचिन तेंदुलकर - सभी ने साधारण परिवारों से होते हुए अपनी प्रतिभा और कर्मठता से अपने-अपने क्षेत्रों में अमिट छाप छोड़ी है। संसार कर्म क्षेत्र है, अपने कर्मों से ही हम इस संसार में जाने जाते हैं। कर्म ही मनुष्य का जीवन है। कर्म की विशेषता से ही हाड़ - मौस के पिंजरे में बंद व्यक्ति जीवन में अपनी सत्ता का आभास कराते हैं। अतः कर्म ही सर्वप्रधान है। कर्मशील व्यक्ति के पास संपदा स्वयं चली आती है। चाहे कला के क्षेत्र में हो अथवा खेलों में, वक्ता हो अथवा अभिनेता, व्यापारी हो या नेता - सभी की सफलता कर्मों पर निर्भर करती है।

वेदों में कहा गया है -

“बैठनेवाले का भाग्य बैठ जाता है,
खड़े होने वाले का भाग्य खड़ा हो जाता है,
कर्मशील का भाग्य गतिशील हो जाता है।”

तुलसीदास जी ने भी कहा है-

“सकल पदार्थ है जग माई,
कर्म हीन नर पावत नाही।”

अर्थात् संसार में सभी पदार्थ विद्यमान हैं परंतु बिना कर्म किए व्यक्ति इनका उपयोग नहीं कर सकता। कर्म ही ऐसा गुण है जो मानव को कहीं से कहीं पहुँचाता है। केवल धनी परिवार में जन्म लेने मात्र से ही बड़ा नहीं बना जा सकता।



एक प्रसिद्ध दोहा है-

बड़ा हुआ तो क्या हुआ, जैसे पेड़ खजूर
पंछी को छाया नहीं फल लागत अति दूर।

मनुष्य बड़े, प्रतिष्ठित परिवार से हो परंतु यदि वह अपने परिवार व समाज का हित नहीं कर सकता तो उसके बड़े होने से भी वह छोटा ही रहता है।

इतिहास भी गवाह है कि कुछ लोग अपने कर्मों द्वारा राजा से रंक बनते हैं और रंक से राजा। कौरव और पांडव एक ही कुल के थे। कौरवों ने अपनी कुनीति और दुष्टकर्मों से अपना सर्वस्व नष्ट कर दिया। दूसरी ओर पाण्डवों ने धर्म, नीति और अपने अच्छे कर्मों से अपना राजपाठ चलाया।

ये सब उदाहरण स्पष्ट करते हैं कि परिवार बड़ा हो या छोटा, कर्म ही सर्वप्रधान है। इनफोसिस के चेयरमैन श्री नारायण मूर्ति एक मध्य वर्गीय परिवार से हैं। सिर्फ अपनी शिक्षा, सही मूल्यों, संस्कारों के आधार पर आज वे इतनी बड़ी सॉफ्टवेयर कम्पनी को सफलतापूर्वक चला रहे हैं।

धन की अपेक्षा सही मूल्यों संस्कारों कड़ी मेहनत, शिक्षा की संपत्ति अगर हमारे पास हो तो हमें सफल होने से कोई नहीं रोक सकता। रहीमदास जी ने सही कहा है

“धनि रहीम जल, पंक को लघु जिस पिअत अधाय
उदधि बढ़ाई कौन है, जगत पिआसो जाय”।

-शानवी कुकरेती
आठवीं 'अ'



आधुनिक नारी



जीवन के सभी तूफानों पर विजय पाती
विवाहित जीवन एवं भविष्य सबौरती
भूखट त्यागकर आगे कदम बढ़ाती
यही है आधुनिक भारतीय नारी

किसी बाधा से वह न हारी
अपितु उनसे निरंतर मुकाबला जारी
यही है उसकी पहचान
है उसके पास हर विघ्न का समाधान
हृदय है ममता और अनुराग से परिपूर्ण
चार दिशाओं में मिलेगा नहीं
ऐसा अनुपम अमूल्य रत्न
करती घर-आंगन संपूर्ण

आखिर है तो यह कोहिनूर
देश की प्रतिमा में चार चाँद लगाती
समाज को अपना बल दर्शाती
तुझे सलाम! आधुनिक भारतीय नारी।

अदिति जैसवाल

10 व



चित्रहार

कुछ हँस लो, कुछ गा लो,
कुछ मोठे बोल सुना लो,
जीवन के इन चार दिनों में
हर इक को गले लगा लो।

क्यों हठधर्मी दिखाते हो,
कुछ धर्म का नाम कमा लो।
यह जीवन एक जहाज है
जा चढ़ा सो उतर पार है।

यह कर्मगीत उपहार है,
यह जीवन चित्रहार है॥

रिताक्शा
सातवीं 'ब'

चाया

सर्दी का मौसम आया है बड़ा सुहाना,
हर कोई चाहता कुछ गर्म खाना-पीना
छोटे-बड़े सभी को एक ख्याल आया,
कि क्यों न हो जाए एक चाय का प्याला!
इसकी गर्म-गर्म चुसकियों में है बड़ा आनंद,
सोचते रहते हैं क्यों सबको है ये इतनी पसंद।
इसका है दीवाना हर कोई,
वह छोटा हो या बड़ा हो भाई।
बड़े-बुजुर्ग तो माने चाय को अपनी दवाई
इसके कण कण में है गुण।
चाय की प्याली, सबसे निराली।

प्रिया यादव

आठवीं अ

किसकी आँखों में क्या है?

माता की आँखों में	-	ममता
पिता की आँखों में	-	कर्तव्य
बहन की आँखों में	-	स्नेह
भाई की आँखों में	-	प्यार
गुरु की आँखों में	-	ज्ञान
शिष्य की आँखों में	-	विज्ञान
अमीर की आँखों में	-	धमण्ड
गरीब की आँखों में	-	आशा
तपस्वी की आँखों में	-	मोक्ष
ईश्वर की आँखों में	-	दया

हेमन्ती शर्मा
आठवीं अ

मेरी कक्षा में दो मॉनिटर
खूब रोब जमाते।
मैडम के बाहर जाते ही
हमको आँखें दिखाते।
चुप रहो कहकर, चोर्ड पर
नाम हमारा चमकाते।
और अगर बच्चे चुप न होते
तो चिल्ला-चिल्लाकर

मॉनिटर



हमारे कान खाते।
मैडम के क्लास में आते ही
बोर्ड की तरफ इशारा करते।
और फिर हम मैडम से डौंट खाते।
भगवान जी, मेरी एक विनती सुनो
अगली बार इनको न बनवाकर
मॉनिटर मुझे बनवा देना।

अनन्या बंसल
छठी 'ब'

पुरस्कृत लेख (वाद-विवाद)

'महान व्यक्तियों की जननी, महान माताएँ ही होती हैं।'

'तू जग जननी, तू जगदंबे,
तू ही सबकी माता,
और चाहे सारा जग रुटे,
कभी न रुटे माता।'

मानव जीवन में प्रारम्भ से ही एक गुरु की आवश्यकता रहती है। प्रथम गुरु माता ही होती है जो जन्मकाल से ही जीवन में वात्सल्य रस धोलती है। यहाँ ऐसा कौन है, जिसने वीर छत्रपति शिवाजी और उनकी माता जीजाबाई के बारे में नहीं सुना हो? शिवाजी ने अपने जीवन में जो कुछ भी किया है, वह उसका पूरा श्रेय अपनी माता को देते हैं। बचपन में ही उनकी माता उन्हें सच्चाई और वीरता की कहानियाँ सुनाती थी। राम और भीम की कहानियों से वह खूब प्रेरित हुए और उनमें वीरता की भावना जागृत हुई। उनकी माता की सहायता और मार्गदर्शन के बिना क्या यह नामुमकिन होता?

एक माँ ही अपने बच्चे का पूर्ण रूप अर्थात् शारिरिक और मानसिक रूप से विकास करती है। यह तो जाहिर सी बात है कि अगर नींव मजबूत हो, तो उसके ऊपर बनाई गई इमारत भी अटल और मजबूत होगी। वास्तव जिंदगी में, एक माँ ही है, जो यह मजबूत नींव की स्थापना करती है। बचपन में सीखे गए संस्कार स्थायी होते हैं। उदाहरण के तौर पर, हमारे राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गाँधी भी अपने संस्कारों का श्रेय अपनी माता पुतलीबाई को ही देते हैं। उनका कहना है कि सत्य और अहिंसा के मार्ग पर चलने की सीख सबसे पहले उन्हें उनकी माँ ने ही दी थी। उनके बचपन में घटी एक छोटी सी घटना ने उन्हें पूरी तरह बदल दिया। गाँधी की माता एक धार्मिक औरत थी। वह हर रोज़ 'कोकिला' नामक व्रत रखती थी। इस व्रत के अनुसार वह कभी भी कोयल की मधुर आवाज़ सुने बिना कुछ नहीं खाती थी। एक दिन, बालक गाँधी एक झाड़ू के पीछे छिपकर कोयल की वाणी की नकल करने लगा। फिर वह अंदर आकर अपनी माँ से बोला "माँ कोयल की आवाज़ सुनी न आपने? चलिए अब खाना खा लीजिए।" गाँधी जी की

माता कई वर्षों से यह रिवाज़ निभा रही थी और उन्हें झट से पता चल गया कि यह बालक गाँधी की करतूत है। उन्होंने गाँधी जी के मुँह पर जोर से एक चाँटा लगाया और बोला "हे भगवान मैंने ऐसा कौन सा पाप किया है? जिसकी सज़ा में मैंने एक झूठे पुत्र को जन्म दिया।" इन शब्दों ने गाँधी जी को हिला दिया और उन्होंने उसी वक़्त प्रतिज्ञा ली कि वह आगे से कभी झूठ नहीं बोलेंगे और अपने जीवन में सिर्फ सत्य के मार्ग पर ही चलेंगे।

इतिहास के पन्नों में स्वर्ण अक्षरों में अमरीका के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्री अब्राहम लिंकन का नाम लिखा गया है। उन्होंने कहा था कि वह आज जो कुछ भी हैं, उनकी माता के कारण ही हैं। माँ द्वारा दिए गए संस्कारों ने उन्हें महान कार्य करने के लिए प्रेरित किया।

बंगाल के महान कवि रबिंद्रनाथ टैगोर ने भी अपनी माता को आदर और सम्मान दिया है। उन्होंने उनके लिए कई कविताएँ लिखी हैं और वह अपनी सफलता को उन्हीं को समर्पित करते हैं। तमिलनाडु के महान वैज्ञानिक, श्री चंद्रशेखर वेंकटरामन भी अपने घर के वातावरण से ही प्रभावित हुए। उनकी माता ने ही उन्हें संसार को एक वैज्ञानिक दृष्टि से देखने की सीख दी। जिसके कारण वह आज भी एक विश्वप्रसिद्ध व्यक्ति हैं। लोक में सभी जीवों के लिए मातृभाव की महिमा विशेष है। एक श्रेष्ठ माता सौ शिक्षकों के बराबर है। सभी के साथ छोड़ देने पर भी माँ साथ नहीं छोड़ती, वह संतान की रक्षा हर क्षण करती है।

अंग्रेज़ी में कहावत है कि "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." इसका तात्पर्य तो यही है कि जननी जगदम्बा होती है, वह सारी दुनिया को अपने इशारों पर घुमा सकती है। तो क्या यह जाहिर नहीं है कि महान व्यक्तियों की जननी महान ही होती है?

विशाखा वासुकी

10 अ



93

पुरस्कृत लेख (वाद-विवाद)

'महाल व्यक्तियों की जलजी, महाल माताएँ ही होती हैं'

आज अगर हम संसार के किसी भी महापुरुष की जीवनकथा के पृष्ठों को पलट कर देखें, तो हम पाएँगे कि महान नायक, महान नेता, महान व्यापारी, महान योद्धा या महान वैज्ञानिक सब ही ने अपनी राह स्वयं तय करी है। किसी की पीठ पर लदकर मंजिल प्राप्त नहीं करी है। अपनी सशक्त भुजाओं पर आस्था रखकर ही वीरों ने बड़े-बड़े साम्राज्यों की सुदृढ़ आधारशीला रखी है तथा अक्षय कीर्ति अर्जित की है।

यदि हम इतिहास में झाँक कर देखें तो अपवाद स्वरूप कुछ ही ऐसे किस्से मिलते हैं, जहाँ महान व्यक्तियों की माताएँ भी महान होती हैं। यह अवश्य है कि सृष्टि की रचना में बच्चे को जन्म देने में अपना जीवन दौब पर लगाकर माता एक महान कार्य करती हैं। बच्चे का पालन पोषण कर वह अपने कर्म का निवाह करती हैं परन्तु उसके बाद वह बच्चा क्या बनता है? कौन सा मार्ग चुनता है? उसमें उसकी भूमिका कम बल्कि सामाजिक परिवेश, उसका अर्जित ज्ञान, तार्किक क्षमता, जिज्ञासु प्रवृत्ति तथा स्वावलंबन आदि ही उसे महान बनने के पथ पर अग्रसर करते हैं। महानता कोई अनुवांशिक गुण नहीं जो किसी बच्चे में माता-पिता से प्राप्त होती है।

उदाहरणार्थ महान संस्कृत नाटककार कालिदास की मूर्खता तो किसी से छुपी नहीं है। शादी के बाद, पत्नी विद्योत्पा के निरंतर तानों से घायल होकर उन्होंने कठिन परिश्रम और निरन्तर साधना से अपने आप को एक विद्वान साहित्यकार का दर्जा दिलाया और महानता हासिल करी।

सम्राट अशोक तब तक महान नहीं थे, जब तक वे अपने परिवार के कदमों पर चलकर युद्ध करते रहे। वे महान तब बने जब उन्होंने राजसी ठाठबाट छोड़कर बौद्ध धर्म अपनाया और भगवान बुद्ध के सिखाए मार्ग का अनुसरण किया। उनसे अहिंसा चुनने के निर्णय का विरोध उनके परिवार के साथ उनकी माता ने भी किया था।

संत कबीर-हमारे समक्ष साक्ष्य रूप में हैं उनके माता-पिता की कोई जानकारी नहीं है। जानकारी है, तो केवल इतनी है कि वह नदी किनारे जन्मावस्था में ही छोड़ दिए गए थे। उन्होंने अपनी योग्यता और सर्जित ज्ञान से महानता को प्राप्त किया

तथा उनकी कही हुई बातें आज भी तर्कसंगत हैं। झाँसी की रानी लक्ष्मीबाई की माता को इस बात का गौरव तो जरूर प्राप्त है कि उन्होंने ऐसी क्रांतिकारी क्षास्त्राणि को जन्म दिया परन्तु उसे महान बनाने में उनका योगदान नहीं था। यह कुछ उदाहरण हैं जो सिद्ध करते हैं कि महान व्यक्तियों की माताएँ महान नहीं, साधारण माताएँ ही हैं।

संसार के इतिहास में कुछ उदाहरण तो ऐसे भी हैं, जहाँ माता महान तो दूर, कुमाता के नाम से प्रसिद्ध हुई हैं। कंकई का उदाहरण तो किसी से छुपा नहीं है। ऐसी माँ की कोख से जन्म लेने पर भी भरत आज भी पूजनीय तथा वंदनीय हैं।

विश्व प्रसिद्ध आईसैक न्यूटन की जननी ने तो उन्हें जन्म के दो महीने बाद छोड़कर एक नया विवाह कर लिया। वह अपने पुत्र के पास दस वर्ष बाद लौटकर आईं केवल उसकी शिक्षा रोककर उससे खेती करवाने के लिए। वह समय असमय अपने पुत्र की तीव्र बुद्धि का तिरस्कार करती थीं। फ्रांस के राजा, सम्राट नेपोलियन भी एक ऐसे परिवार में जन्मे जहाँ उनकी माँ ककर्ष थीं। बात बात में मारपीट करना घर के कार्यों में जुड़ चुका था।

यह सब रही इतिहास की घटनाएँ लेकिन आज के युग का परिवेश देखें तो पाएँगे कि आज पाश्चात्य संस्कृति की दौड़ में शामिल भारतीय नारी मातृत्व सुख उठाना ही नहीं चाहती। उनकी मान्यता यह है कि इससे उनकी शारीरिक सुदौलता और रूप रंग में कमी आ जाएगी। इस प्रकार वर्तमान समय में माँ का ममत्व सिर्फ फर्ज तक सीमित होता जा रहा है। बच्चे स्वयं अपने अर्जित ज्ञान से, अपने प्रयास से महानता की सीढ़ी पार कर लेता है और साथ-साथ अन्य साधारण माताओं के पुत्रों के लिए मार्गदर्शक बन जाते हैं।

अन्त में मैं सभी माताओं को प्रणाम करते हुए कहती हूँ कि 'माँ' शब्द का दर्जा पिता, गुरु, देवता सबसे ऊपर है क्योंकि वो हमारी जीवन दाता हैं परन्तु फिर भी अगर हम यह कहें कि महान व्यक्ति की माँ महान होती है तो ये गलत होगा।

धन्यवाद।

लावण्या बडोला
दसवीं - अ

काश मैं तुम जैसी होती



जब मैं क्लास में दूसरे स्थान पर आती,
तुम प्रथम सदा आ जाती,
तुम्हारी होशियारी देखकर सदा मेरा मन कहता
काश मैं तुम जैसी होती!

रीड में मैं तो हार ही जाती,
पर तुम फिर प्रथम आ जाती,
तुम्हारी फुर्ती देखकर मैं सोचती,
काश मैं तुम जैसी होती!

टीचर ने जब गाना गवाया,
मेरा बेसुरापन सामने आया,
पर तुम तो सुर से सुर हो लगाती,
काश मैं तुम जैसी होती!

नृत्य में तो मैं थी अच्छल,
पर तुम मुझसे भी अच्छा नाचती,
तुम्हारे नृत्य से मंत्रमुग्ध होकर मैं सोचती,
काश मैं तुम जैसी होती!

पर जब कविता लिखने का मौका आया,
तुमने पेंसिल को हाथ न लगाया,
पर मैंने ऐसी कविता लिख डाली,
जिसने है मुझको सिखलाया!

सब में होते हैं गुण अनेक,
बस खोजने की है जरूरत अभी,
पर कभी न कहना जो मैंने कहा -
“काश मैं तुम जैसी होती।”

अद्वैत लिली संतोष
नवी 'स'



पढ़े और पढ़ाएँ, ऐसा भारतवर्ष बनाएँ

भूख, गरीबी, लाचारी को
इस भरती से आज मिटाएँ
भारत के हर भारतवासी को
साक्षरता का पाठ पढ़ाएँ
उसके सब अधिकार दिलाएँ
ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ, ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ।

रहे न कोई आज निरक्षर
ऐसी नई चेतना लाएँ
लड़का - लड़की हो एक समान
सबको हो विद्या का ज्ञान
जाति धर्म का भेद भुलाकर
हक दूजे को गले लगाएँ
ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ, ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ।

अक्षर, ज्ञान का जब आता
साक्षरता का दीप जल जाता
सबमें ज्ञान की ज्योति जलता
ज्ञान से सारा जग जगमगाता
विज्ञान के ज्ञान को और बढ़ाएँ
विज्ञान का विमान चाँद पर ले जाएँ
ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ, ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ।

प्रगति के मार्ग पर हम बढ़ते जाएँ
जन - जन तक अक्षर ज्ञान पहुँचाएँ
ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ, ऐसा भारत वर्ष बनाएँ।

सान्या गुलाटी
10-ब

दिशा की राह

दिशा के माता - पिता शहर के मशहूर डॉक्टर थे। वह उनकी इकलौती बेटी थी। इस साल उसे दसवीं की परीक्षा देनी थी। दिनभर दिशा स्कूल से जुड़ी गतिविधियों में दिल लगाती लेकिन शाम उस पर भारी पड़ जाती। माता - पिता दोनों अस्पताल में व्यस्त रहते। टी. वी. और विडियो - गेम और इंटरनेट से वह तंग आ चुकी थी। और अपने मम्मी - पापा से शिकायत करती "आप इतनी देर से घर आते हैं, क्या आपको मेरी याद नहीं आती? एक दिन, कॉलोनी के चौकीदार के कुत्ते ने तीन पिल्लों को जन्म दिया। दिशा की मन की मुराद पूरी हो गई और वह एक पिल्ला भर ले आई। उसने अपने नौकरों से भी कह दिया कि वह उसके माता - पिता को न बताए। रात के साढ़े - बारह बजे के करीब, वह पिल्ला (जिम्मी) यकायक उठ गया और "कूँ - कूँ" करके रोने लगा। तभी उसके पिता आँख मलते हुए कमरे में आ गए और बोले, "दिशा, यह कूँ - कूँ की आवाज़ कहाँ से आ रही है?" मम्मी भी आ गई और उनकी नज़र 'जिम्मी' पर पड़ गई। मम्मी गुस्से से बोली, "देखो दिशा एक बात साफ - साफ सुन लो, मुझे कुत्तों से चिढ़ है और इस घर में या तो मैं रहूँगी या तो यह कुत्ता! अगली सुबह, दिशा ने अपने स्कूल में सबसे पूछा पर कोई भी कुत्ता पालने को तैयार न था। फिर, शाम को उसके मौसरे भाई का फोन आया। वह बोला, "दिशा, मैंने तुम्हारी उलझन का एक रास्ता निकाला है। हमारे घर जो लड़का दूध देने आता है, वह कुत्ता पालने को राजी हो गया है।" उसने बड़े भारी मन से 'जिम्मी' को रूकसत किया। मुश्किल तो हल हो गई थी, पर दिशा बहुत नाराज़ हुई। उसे लगा, "यह कैसा घर है, जहाँ एक छोटे से पिल्ले का भी गुजारा नहीं हो सकता। हमारे घर में, न जगह की कमी है, न नौकरों की और न पैसों की। फिर भी इस घर में मम्मी - पापा की इजाजत के बिना एक चींटी भी नहीं रह सकती। रात को, उसकी माता बोली, "दिशा, अब कसकर फ़ह्राई कर लो, ताकि बढ़िया नंबर आए और तुम हमारी तरह ही एक काबिल डॉक्टर बन सको।

"नहीं मम्मा, मुझे डॉक्टर नहीं बनना।" मम्मी परेशान होकर बोली "फिर तुम क्या करोगी?" दिशा ने कहा, "मम्मा डॉक्टर या इंजीनीयर बनना ही दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी उपलब्धि नहीं होती। मैं बड़े होकर किसी ऐसी संस्था में काम करना चाहूँगी, जहाँ जिम्मी जैसे अनाथ जानवरों की परवरिश की जाती हो।" "पर बेटा यह काम लड़कियों का नहीं है, और तुम्हारे गुज़ारे का क्या?" "मम्मी, जो काम लड़कों के लिए लागू है, वही कार्य लड़कियाँ बखूबी निभा सकती हैं। और रही बात पैसों की, तो हर कार्य पैसे से नहीं तोला जाता। मन की इच्छा और कार्य में संतुष्टि पाना ज्यादा महत्वपूर्ण होता है। मैं आप लोगों की रोज़ की भागदौड़ देखती हूँ और इसी भागदौड़ के बीच, मुझे लगता है कि, आप जीवन की एक महत्वपूर्ण पूंजी को खो रहे हो।" दिशा के माता - पिता अपनी बेटी की ओर हक्के-बक्के से देख रहे थे और उन्हें लगा कि वह जीवन की राह में उनसे आगे निकल गई है।

विशाखा वासुकी

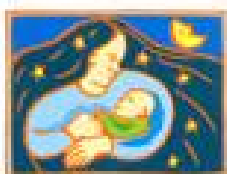
10 - अ



अटूट सत्य

हिन्दी कैसे अलग करोगे,
हिन्दोस्तां के जन जन से,
यह भाषा नहीं एक परिभाषा है,
जो गूँज रही सबके मन में,

भिन्न-भिन्न हैं प्रांत यहाँ,
भिन्न-भिन्न के लोग यहाँ,
भाषा सबकी हिन्दी है।
अपने रंग में रंग लेती
सबको अपना कर लेती।
हिन्दी कैसे अलग करोगे?



तारनी बालगीहर
तीन-अ

माँ

जग का सबसे ऊँचा नाम,
कभी न होगा यह बदनाम।
माँ की ममता कायम करोगी,
धरा पर अपना अमिट निशान।
जिस पर है माँ का साया,
बर्नेगा जग में वह महान।
माँ का प्यार बड़ा निराला,
माँ से पार ही कोई जाना।
माँ की ममता है अपार,
जिसे न कर सकता कोई पार।
औंधी आए या आए तूफान,
अमर रहेगा माँ का प्यार।
माँ का बस एक सपना,
बच्ये उसके बने महान।
पढ़ लिखकर करें ऐसा काम,
जिससे हो देश का नाम।
आओ बच्चों हम भी साँचे,
कैसे हो हमारी माँ का नाम।
माँ की ममता कायम करोगी,
धरा पर अपना अमिट निशान।

कल्पना कुमारी
तीन-ब

मेरा देश

देश हमारा सबसे प्यारा,
गंगा और यमुना की धारा,
कुतुबमीनार और ताज है गौरव,
शान है इसके संचिन और सौरभ
दक्षिण जाओ, पश्चिम जाओ,
या जाओ केंरल - बंगाल,
यहाँ सभी को पाओगे तुम,
प्रेम प्यार से मालामाल।
यही हमारा चौद और सूरज,
यही औँख का तारा,
सबसे प्यारा सबसे न्यारा,
भारत देश हमारा।

इशिका जोशी
चौथी-ब

पर्यावरण बचाओ

इतने सारे पौधे - पक्षी,
रहते हैं इस हरे चमन में
मानव इन्हें नष्ट है कर रहा,
न जाने उसे क्या है मिल रहा?
पेड़ों का अगर नाश करेगा।
ऑक्सीजन का पता नहीं रहेगा।
जहरीली गैसों के कारण,
स्वयं अपने कर्मों से मरेगा।
प्रदूषण कितना है बढ़ रहा।
ओजोन परत में छेद हो रहा।
परा बैंगनी किरणों के कारण
पर्यावरण नष्ट हो रहा।
आओ मिलकर कदम उठाएँ,
सब लोगों को यह समझाएँ,
धरती पर अब ना प्रदूषण बढाएँ,
संरक्षण कर प्रकृति का,
अपना जीवन बचाएँ।

अनन्या लोहानी
चौथी-अ

गुदगुदी

रिक् - बडाओ सबसे ज्यादा
आलू कहाँ पाए जाते हैं?
चिंकू - समोसे में।

सुधा - क्या तुम्हें अंग्रेजी
खोलने में परेशानी होती है?
रिक् - नहीं, अगर सुनने
वालों को होती हो तो पता
नहीं है।

दस सत्य

सर्वोत्तम दिन - आज
सबसे, उपयुक्त समय - अभी
सबसे खतरनाक वस्तु - घृणा
सबसे बुरी भावना - ईर्ष्या
सबसे बड़ी भूल - समय की बर्बादी।
सबसे विश्वसनीय मित्र - अपना हाथ
सबसे बड़ा शिक्षक - जो आपको सिखाए
सबसे बड़ा काम - दूसरों की कमी
निकालना
सबसे बड़ा दिवालिया - जिसने अपना
उत्साह खो दिया।
सबसे भाग्यशाली व्यक्ति - जो अपने
काम में संलग्न रहे।

प्रियंका कुमारी
चार-ब



Prep.-A



Prep.-B



I - A



I - B



II - A



II - B



III-A



III-B



IV-A



IV-B



V - A



V - B



V - C



VI-A



VI-B



VI-C



VII- A



VII- B



VII-C



VIII-A



VIII-B



VIII-C



IX-A



IX-B



IX-C



X - A



X - B



X - C



XI-A



XI-B



XII-A



XII-B



NIOS



Support Staff



Staff, Moreto Convent School, Bellary



Seated: Ms. J. Dey, Ms. A. Edmonds, Ms. S. Aggarwal, Ms. S. Russell, Ms. V. Chatterjee, Ms. S. Ahluwalia, Ms. O. Singh, Ms. A. Cherian, Ms. M. Chandra, Ms. A. Davies, Sr. Celine, Ms. A. Chaudhary, Ms. B. Sugathan, Ms. M. Alimchandani, Ms. C. Subramaniam, Sr. Lourdes, Mr. Minhas, Mr. Pinto

Standing:

1st Row: Mr. Ashish, Ms. V. Grover, Ms. P. Gautam, Ms. M. Jha, Ms. R. Oberoi, Ms. B. Jaggi, Ms. J. Johri, Ms. Kami, Ms. N. Anand, Ms. S. Kancherla, Ms. A. D'lima, Ms. S. Sharma, Ms. s. Raizada, Ms. U. Stanley, Ms. L. Mathews, Ms. D. Joshi, Ms. R. Mehrotra, Ms. A. Sharma

2nd Row: Mr. Joseph, Mr. S. Kesri, Ms. M. Jacob, Ms. A. Parmeshwaran, Ms. R. Jacob, Ms. G. Aggarwal, Ms. S. Joshi, Ms. R. Manchanda, Ms. S. Andrews, Ms. S. Vats, Ms. Shilprasad, Ms. M. Kadyan, Ms. D. Sreedharan, Ms. Dadwal, Ms. R. Das, Ms. S. Kadam

3rd Row: Ms. A. John, Ms. S. Shilprasad, M. S. Tyagi, Ms. G. Kaur, Ms. S. Chopra, Ms. P. Bhatti, Ms. M. Sharma, Ms. M. Mahajan, Ms. N. Davis, Ms. M. Antony, Ms. R. Pai, Ms. P. Nasir

Camera shy: Ms. L. Mitra

Inset: Ms. R. Ranjan

