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Hello everyone! I would like to extend a warm welcome to you from all of us at the editorial board here. I would also like to welcome our new principal, Mr R.P. Devgan. This year's Oracle has a new feature, colour. Along with the colour of the spirit of the Yadavindrians, we present to you the first-ever colour edition of the Oracle!

This edition contains a general overview of all that has happened in the first term, along with generous contributions from the students. It also contains a very interesting article on the athletic meet, and of

course, the school fete.

All contributions from the students will be greatly appreciated, along with your feedback. So if you have any ideas which you would like to present to us, please do not hesitate to approach any of the members of the board.

A new year always brings new opportunities and chances to prove your worth to everyone including yourself, so avail these opportunities and glorify the name of our school. Happy reading!

Madhav Pubby,
Editor-In-Chief

MR DEVGAN TAKES CHARGE AT YPS



Mr R.P. Devgan joined the YPS family as the Principal on January 5, 2013. Here's a brief introduction to the man behind the position.

Sir started his teaching career at Doon School, and taught there for 27 years from 1968-95. Since Doon School allows its teachers to take a sabbatical every seven years, he used this time to visit England, Indonesia and Scandinavia and discover the ways of the world.

He left the Doon School in 1995 and went to Indonesia to start a school. He had students from various countries including India, and describes the experience as one that taught him a lot. On his return, he became the Principal at YPS, Patiala, and stayed there for six years. He left YPS, Patiala, to go to Bali, to start another school there. His next destination was our school.

Mr Devgan is a sportsman. He played

cricket and squash actively in his youth. He represented the UP state team in cricket. He also represented the county of Kent in both Cricket and Squash. While at Doon school, he took an active interest in outdoor activities like rafting and trekking. He was once on a raft for 18 days, exploring rivers that had never been rafted on before, and that too at an altitude of above 14,500 feet!

He had seriously considered a career in cricket before becoming a teacher. He says he had never imagined that he would ever teach, but a call from the Doon School Headmaster of the time changed his mind. He has never looked back from that time on. The joy of moulding a child into a good human being is what motivates him and keeps him going on.

His message for the students: *Follow your dreams. Never give up on them. Also remember the importance of time management. Cut down on the distractions. And make fitness a way of life.*

From the Oracle newsdesk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr RP Devgan takes charge as the new Principal at YPS

YPS puts a green foot forward by initiating the drive for car-pooling

Noted author and filmmaker Mr Shiv Kunal Verma visits the school

The Prefects' Council for 2013 steps into their roles and takes on their responsibilities

Reputed athlete PT Usha visits the school

Patiala House wins the Athletics Meet Trophy for the second year in a row



Hello everyone, this is the section of the newsletter that'll keep you updated with all the latest happenings around our campus. I'm Arjun, the editor, and also your Deputy Head Boy. I'll be assisted by a lot of people in my endeavour to bring you the latest news, though any voluntary contributions to the news feed would be much appreciated. Looking forward to working with you!

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

On January 26, 2013, Republic Day was celebrated in the school. The Celebrations started with the flag-hoisting ceremony by the Principal, Mr R P Devgan, with the National Anthem being sung in the background. The Principal gave a speech in which he elaborated on what a Republic is, and what we are required to do for the country as its citizens. Taarini Ravjit, the Head Girl, gave a speech, stressing on how India has all it takes to be a great nation

and why we should be proud to be its citizens. This was followed by another speech by Priya Ahluwalia, the Deputy Head Girl, where she talked about our duties as citizens and also recited the National pledge. 'Pukar' was sung by Mrs Manjit Dhyani, the Kindergarten music teacher. The choirs from the Senior and Junior Wings of the school presented patriotic songs. The function ended with special snacks being distributed to the children.



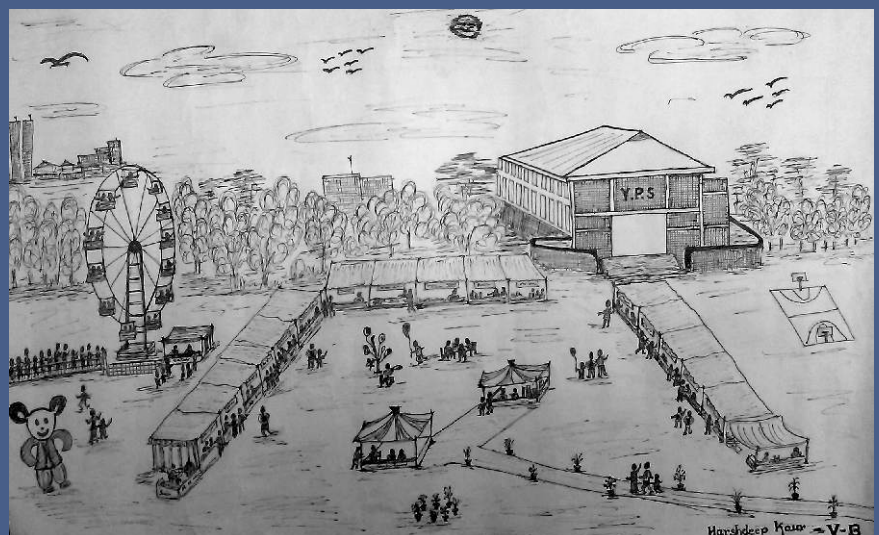
THE YPS XTRAVAGANZA

The YPS Xtravaganza, our school's annual fête, was held on February 9 and 10. In addition to the many stalls spread across the grounds, there were plenty of rides for students and visitors to enjoy. The most popular, as usual, was the Columbus, closely followed by the Ferris Wheel and the Break-Dance rides. But equally attractive were the stalls, with the One-Minute Games and Face-Painting stalls perpetually crowded. For those who preferred something less active, there was a whole row of food stalls too, with Subway, Domino's and Baskin-Robbins all present. Not to be outdone were the YPS food stall and Paul's Kitchen. The Jam Session was packed at all times with children grooving to the beats of popular songs. Despite Valentine's Day having yet to come, the Request Stall was flooded with rose and chocolate requests, with many young ones expressing

feelings through music. On Sunday, we were delighted to welcome the students of Punjab Public School, Nabha to our fête for the first time. They too were thrilled to be part of the festivities. The weekend ended with the Raffle draw. One of our

boarders went home with a Dell laptop after drawing the lucky ticket. Even after two days, everybody wanted the fête to go on.

By Siddhartha Yaddanapudi



INVESTITURE CEREMONY



For nearly a month, the appointments of the Prefects' Council of 2013 had been waiting for the day of the Investiture Ceremony; for this was the day they were to be officially given their designations. The day finally arrived! Restlessness and anticipation gave way to nerves, and a growing sense of responsibility and purpose.

On January 17, the entire Senior School and Classes IV and V of the Junior School assembled in the Gym Hall for the event. The proceedings started off with a song from the school choir. This was followed by Chirag Veer Teja, the outgoing Head Boy, carrying the schools colours proudly as he led the Prefect's Council of 2012 onto the stage. The Prefects' Council for 2013 was then called on the stage and received possession of the flags, and the charge of leading the student body with honour, dedication and compassion in a deeply moving ceremony that stirred the hearts of all present. The Principal gave a short speech and awarded the new appointments with their badges, emblems and cravats.

The new council took their oaths, accepting their responsibility and promising to uphold the honour bestowed on them. The new Head Boy, Navraj Saini; the Head Girl, Taarini Ravjit and the Deputy Head Girl, Priya Kaur Ahluwalia, then honoured the outgoing Class XII by speaking short sentences about each of them, as they went up to the stage to receive their mementoes from the Principal and their Class Teachers.

SCHOOL PREFECT COUNCIL 2013	
HEAD BOY	NAVRAJ SINGH SAINI
HEAD GIRL	TAARINI RAVJIT
DEPUTY HEAD BOY	ARJUN RAM S DHALIWAL
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL	PRIYA AHLUWALIA
SPORTS CAPTAIN (BOYS)	AMANDEEP SINGH SOBTI
SPORTS CAPTAIN (GIRLS)	SIMRATA KAUR GREWAL
CO-CURRICULAR CAPTAIN (BOYS)	BIKRAMJIT SINGH SURI
CO-CURRICULAR CAPTAIN (GIRLS)	JASMINE KAUR NARANG
CO-CURRICULAR PREFECT (MUSIC)	NIKITA M. CHARAN
CO-CURRICULAR PREFECT (ENVIRONMENT)	GARIMA PANDEY
BOARDING HOUSE CAPTAIN	TALWINDER SINGH
BOARDING HOUSE PREFECT (AJIT HOUSE)	MANDEEP
BOARDING HOUSE PREFECT (CHANDRAGUPT HOUSE)	AMITAJ SINGH BHINDER
AITCHISON HOUSE	
CAPTAIN BOYS	SHUBH KARMAN S SANDHU
CAPTAIN GIRLS	ANMOL DOSANJH
PREFECT	ANGATVEER SINGH
PREFECT	AMANDEEP KAUR BENIPAL
NALAGARH HOUSE	
CAPTAIN BOYS	YUVRAJ SINGH
CAPTAIN GIRLS	AMANAT DHIMAN
PREFECT	SHAANPREET S BHATTI
PREFECT	RAVTESH KAUR
PATIALA HOUSE	
CAPTAIN BOYS	AMAR SINGH SEKHON
CAPTAIN GIRLS	GURNEET AUJLA
PREFECT	UDAY SINGH BRAR
PREFECT	HARMAN SINGH BAWA
RANJIT HOUSE	
CAPTAIN BOYS	SUMEET SINGH DHILLON
CAPTAIN GIRLS	VRINDHA TALWAR
PREFECT	ASHISH PAL SINGH
PREFECT	KARAN SINGH
TAGORE HOUSE	
CAPTAIN BOYS	SIDDHARTHA YADDANAPUDI
CAPTAIN GIRLS	ANYA GUPTA
PREFECT	MADHAV PUBBY
PREFECT	HARMANPREET SINGH

INTER HOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The Spelling Bee for classes VI and VII was held on February 6, 2013. It tested the spelling skills of all the participants, and the audience. The event consisted of six rounds, including the Spell-Well Round, the Jumbled Words Round and Word Clusters.

The House positions were as follows:

1st	Tagore House
2nd	Patiala House
3rd	Ranjit House
4th	Aitichson House
5th	Nalagarh House

The Tagore House Team:

Parwaan Virk	VII-E
Bhavjeet Sandhu	VII-C
Kartikeya	VII-D
Tanveer Mangat	VI-C
Arshiya Anand	VI-B

Sajneet Mangat

WORKSHOP ON MEMORY ENHANCEMENT

A workshop on memory enhancement for Classes X and XII was held on February 08, 2013, in the school library. This workshop was presided over by Mr Kamlesh Chandra, a learning and life-skills trainer, who talked about the immense power of the human brain. He talked about four simple steps to enhance our memory which are as follows:

1. Recognize your potential.
2. Systematic Training
3. Continuous Practice
4. Sharing your knowledge with others.

He also gave examples, showing students how strong his memory had become after following these steps. This included memorizing up to a hundred random numbers in just a few seconds and reciting them forwards and backwards, and many more such feats. The students appreciated the programme and Mr. Chandra's techniques.



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

POETRY RECITATION IN HINDI AND PUNJABI FOR CLASSES VI AND VII

Hindi and Punjabi Poetry recitation for Classes VI-VII was held on March 6, 2013, in the lawn near the dining hall. It was a close contest, one that saw each participant put up a wonderful performance, leaving the judges with some very tough calls.

The House positions were as follows:

- 1st position: Nalagarh House
- 2nd position: Patiala House
- 3rd position: Aitchison House
- 4th position: Ranjit House
- 5th position: Tagore House

The individual positions were as follows:

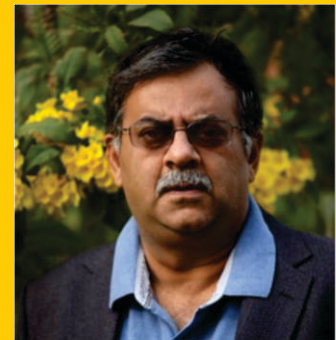
- 1st position : Gandharv Thakur
VI-C (NH)
- 2nd position : Tanay Gopal
VII-A (NH)
- 3rd position : Karan Batta
VII-C (PH)

MEETING SHIV KUNAL VERMA

Yadavindrians recently had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with Mr Shiv Kunal Verma, an experienced filmmaker and author, who visited the school in February 2013. He conducted a seminar in the school library with the purpose of educating our students on the rich culture and heritage of North-East India, a part of the country that tends to be overlooked and ignored by a majority of the Indian population.

Among the foremost military filmmakers in the country, Mr Verma has directed several documentaries on the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force. Also an established author, he has recently published a trilogy of books based on his adventures in the North-East.

Mr Verma studied at the Doon School, and was taught English by our very own Principal, Mr. R.P Devgan. The mutual respect between the two is perhaps the reason Kunal Sir graced our institution with his presence.



The workshop was an exciting one, and had the students admiring the wonderful landscapes being showcased on screen. A wonderful speaker, Mr Verma gave us a brilliant presentation, moving from one North-Eastern State to another in a matter of minutes. He shared an overwhelming amount of information; his topics of conversation ranging from the life of the tribes to the local wildlife in the area. Very passionate about wildlife photography, he shared a lot about the animals spotted in the region.

We certainly hope Mr. Verma visits us again for there is so much for him to share and for us to learn. Until next time!

THE ATHLETICS MEET

February! The time of year that sees Yadavindrians gear up for one of the most exciting events of the year—the Annual Athletics Meet. Students, at least the athletic ones, spend months preparing themselves, their eyes set on glory. It is an absolute joy to watch them displaying their skills on the track, weeks of hard work coming to the fore, completely worthy of the bags of medals that they carry home. Even for the 'non-athletic people' the Meet is a time for fun, as well as an opportunity to learn.

The meet began with the March Past, a tradition the school has followed since its inception thirty four years ago. Loved by the students, what makes the March Past even more special is the fierce sense of competition that it instils in them as there is a trophy waiting for the House that marches the best. This year saw Nalagarh House lift the march-past trophy. The students then took an oath to compete keeping intact the spirit of sportsmanship. The oath was delivered by the School Sports Captain, Amandeep Singh Sobti, who also led the march.

The battle royale began soon after, with every House competing for the Athletics Meet Trophy. The competition was fierce—students competing for prizes everywhere on the field. The final tally saw Patiala House carry away the trophy for the second year in a row, capping-off a great performance in every single sphere of athletics, their Captain, Amar Sekhon, lifting the cup in the end. He declared: "This is all thanks to the hard work put in by the entire House." Tagore House finished a close second, with Nalagarh House grabbing the third spot. Ranjit House and Aitchison House had the fourth and fifth position respectively.

We were honoured to have Mr GPS Bhullar, SSP, Mohali, as the Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony. He spoke of the importance of participation in every aspect of life. He congratulated everyone who had taken part in the meet and urged them to view sports as a stepping stone to success as it instilled the values of discipline, teamwork and perseverance.

The best thing about the Athletics Meet was the excellent spirit in which the games were competed over the course of the entire week, something every Yadavindrian can be proud of!

Arjun Ram Singh Dhaliwal - XII B



AN INTERVIEW WITH P T USHA

On January 22, 2013, P.T. USHA, a well known athlete also known as the "Payolli Express" visited our school.

Here are some questions put to her by our students

Students: How was the experience of your first ever Olympics?

PT Usha: At first I had no experience, or practice, in what was needed to win at such a high level. But after I participated in the Pre-Olympics, it gave me great impetus to run in the Olympics. The Olympics have been a part of my life and it is one memory which I'll never forget!

Students: What tips would you give us for staying fit?

PT Usha: There is only one thing I advise you, and that is to run.



Nothing can beat a morning jog as a way to staying fit. Jogging not only keep us physically fit, but also makes for a healthy mind.

Students: Who has been your role model and what has kept you going?

PT Usha: According to me, personal dedication is the key to continuing in any sports, or anything for that matter.

Students: How do you deal with yourself when you lose an event?

PT Usha: I remind myself every morning that life does not always favour one person. Even if I lose, it is still a victory for another person.

Sanya Arora, X-D





ACHIEVERS BEYOND SCHOOL

JASMINE NARANG, of XII-A, won the first prize in the 'Space Foundation International Art Competition 2013' organised by Artsonia, Washington. There were over 4,700 entries from 45 countries in the online competition.

MANKEERT NARANG, of VI-B, won the third prize in the same competition.

MANKEERT NARANG, of VI-B, won the first prize in Cognizance 2012, a scrapbook competition organised by The Tribune, Chandigarh. Around 15,000 students from classes VI to X in Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar participated in the competition.

NAMAN GAUTAM, of Class VI-C, won the 1st prize in a Fancy Dress Competition, organised by Panjab University, Chandigarh, on Feb 17, 2013. He also won the 2nd prize in a

Slogan Writing Competition, organised by Panjab University, Chandigarh on Feb 16, 2013; and a Consolation Prize in a Fancy Dress Competition organised by Anchal International School, Mohali on Feb 3, 2013

OJAS GAUTAM, of VI-C, has won the following medals in a Martial Arts competition organised by Extreme Martial Arts, Chandigarh, in January, 2013.

- 1) Gold in STRETCHING
- 2) Gold in FORMS
- 3) Gold in KICKS
- 4) Silver in FIGHTING
- 5) Silver in ACTIONS
- 6) Three times awarded with STUDENT OF THE MONTH

A WORKSHOP ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT

Students of Class XII participated in a workshop on e-waste management held on February 28, 2013. Representatives of Deeksha, a local NGO addressed the students on e-waste, mainly mobile phones. They held an interactive session and talked about what is e-waste pollution. They explained the pollution cycle and also gave effective methods to reduce this.

THE GARBAGE TRAIL

A team of eight eighth graders embarked on an educational trip organized by TERI, an NGO which targets important ecological problems and holds trips to educate the youth about the ecological problems in the society.

We first went to the Government School, Sector 35, where we were given a talk on waste management. Then, we visited the place where the rag pickers lived. We interacted with them and learned that things are not easy for them. They got cuts by picking

up sharp objects like glass and razors. They showed us wounds and scars, outside as well as inside. We continued with our journey; we went to the dumping grounds. On the



way, our guide told us that the rag pickers sell the garbage and earn money and the garbage not in their use is thrown into the pits and vast stretches of barren land. When we visited these pits and lands, we were shocked. This vast land was full of thrown-away items. At the end of the land was the incinerator where most of the garbage was burnt.

We learned an important lesson —

there is nothing known as waste, everything can be made into something or the other. Use your imagination to do something for mother earth and start recycling...

By Atharv Sharma, VIII-D

BIRD WATCHING EXPEDITION ORGANISED BY TERI

*"What is life, if full of care
We have no time to stand and stare."*

Our busy school routine stops us from looking at Nature. The beauty of the flowers, sky, moon, clouds etc. fascinates us but we seldom get the time to enjoy their beauty, let alone compose a poem about them. On December 21, I got an opportunity to go with my classmates to the foothills of the Shivaliks for bird-watching. We enjoyed watching various kinds of birds through our binoculars. We also saw some migratory birds. This was followed by lunch. After lunch we helped cleaned a part of the Mirzapur Dam. We returned to school with beautiful memories which we'll cherish all our lives.

By Sahil Ahuja, IX-E

VOX



POPULI

Do you think that school should have two hours of games instead of one?

Harmanpreet Gill (XII-C): Games should only be for one hour as students are really tired by the end of the day and cannot stay under the sun for so long. Also if the games lesson is increased to 2 hours the students will be too tired to do self-study at home.

Taarini Ravjit (XII-C): Yes, games lesson should be increased to two hours because everyone is free in the first prep. The students should be given a choice: If they have finished their work they can go and play, or stay back.

Simrata Grewal (XII-A): Yes, games lesson should be increased to two hours because we are too tired after studying for so long and require a break that refreshes us; so we can study after we go home.

Anmol Dosanjh (XII-A): No, games lesson should not be increased because prep is equally important and we can utilize this time to complete our homework and clear doubts.

Gurjant Thind (XII-C): Games should be of two hours as one hour is not enough to warm and do team practice.

Manpreet (IX-C): Games should be of two hours because the time of the first prep is not properly utilized and could be used by school team players.

Ravtesh Sidhu (XII-C): Games should only be of one hour because it is too tiring to continuously practise for two hours and also we cannot concentrate on self-study after being so tired.



Hi! This is the creative writing section of The Oracle, and I'm Siddhartha, the editor. This page, as well as containing all the poems and short stories submitted by students, also contains reports on campus happenings in a lighter vein than usual.

Anybody who wants to see their work in print is welcome to hand it to us, and we'll make sure it is printed.

TERROR STRIKES KEVIN

Kevin, a typical 12 year old boy, was on his way to his friend's birthday party. "I'm so excited!" he said. "His house is just around the block." his mother said. Jake, Kevin's best friend, lived in a three storey house. There was also a Golden Retriever always barking from his garden. Kevin had been eagerly waiting for this day for the last three months. He was riding in a 1990 model sedan. The car screeched to a stop. Kevin got out of the car with a small wrapped gift. He knew exactly what was inside. It was an X - BOX 360 video game Jake madly wanted. He knocked on the door, but there was no reply. He knocked louder, but still no one opened the door. He peeped through the window and saw a terrible sight. The whole house had been ransacked. Everything was scattered here and there. He knew it was the work of thieves or gangsters. "Mom!" he screamed. He waited but could not see his mom. Then he came to know that his mom had already left. His instincts were telling him

to make a run for it. But then it struck him, "where were Jake and his family?" He decided to explore. He could find them bound and gagged or dead. He went around the house but no window was open. Only one was open but it was two floors up. He tried to climb the wall but ended up falling smack on his face. He stood up and shook his head. He could not do it. Just as he was about to leave, his eyes spotted an air vent. He took out the grill but could not fit in. He got out and went around the house, only to find that the back door was open. "How silly!" he said to himself. He went in and saw a cigarette end on the dining table. "How strange! His family

doesn't smoke." he thought. He went upstairs, right into Jake's bedroom. Everything was messed up. He went into the living room but only to find a broken television and X - BOX 360. "Oh no! My gift is useless!" he said in his mind. He decided to call 911. He picked up the telephone only to find it was dead.

'Bang' the back door slammed shut. He tried to open it but it was locked from outside. He panicked and screamed. 'Clang Clang' a voice came from the basement. "Aaaaah" Kevin screamed. But then he bravely went to the basement with a vegetable knife. 'Clang' the voice became louder. Then he understood that the voice was coming from the metal pipes. He followed them and came to a brick wall. But they were neither painted nor cemented. He pushed the bricks which made them fall. He found the secret room and found Jake's family tied there. He rescued them and Jake told him that the thieves broke into his house and stole all their valuables. Luckily, no one was injured. They went to the police station and those thieves were caught. As for that back door, the thieves were still in the house when Kevin entered. Well, it sure was a happy ending.

Amanjot Dhiman - VII C

ATHLETICS MEET

February: the time of the year when the school gears up for the Athletics Meet. Well, that's a bit of an overstatement. Most kids are just happy to be outside their classes for some time, and a small minority begins to train for track and field.

It begins with the March Past, a delight

to everyone except the students who have to do march.

This is followed by the races. Everybody is willing to participate in the sprints, but they all fade away at the mention of the long races. The 400m is especially a torture as all eight runners can be scrutinized separately.

The field events are of two kinds. The first are the throws. I never particularly cared for them, but that's possibly because I have the upper body strength of a squirrel. But all the muscular and "healthier" (meaning obese) kids enjoy them. The second are the jumps, which everyone enjoys – after all one involves a sand-pit and the other a bouncy mat. As the star athletes strain their muscles to attain glory – or at least a medal – those less skilled in these areas amuse themselves in the enclosures. Various means of time-pass ranging from complex multiplayer games to sleeping can be observed.

On the final day, as the results are announced and one house declared the winner, everyone else joins in to congratulate the winners. Sportsman spirit certainly abounds in YPS.

Siddhartha Yaddanapuddi - XII B

MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW - KBC

'Kaun Banega Crorepati' also known as KBC is my favourite television show. Basically it is a game show based on a UK game show 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'. KBC was first introduced in India in 2000, and was hosted by Amitabh Bachchan. It offered people a chance to win 1 crore Rupees. In 2001 its price doubled to 2 crores and in the fourth season it changed to 5 crores. In 2005 it was abruptly ended by Star Plus because Mr Bachchan was very ill. In 2006 the third season came and Shahrukh Khan became the new host and the price remained 2 Crore Rupees. After this in the fourth, fifth, and sixth season was hosted by Amitabh Bachchan in the year 2010, 2011, and 2012 respectively.

This show currently has 13 questions from Rupees 5000 to 5 crores. If anybody cannot give the answer of a question he or she can use four life lines which are : 'Phone a friend', 'Expert advise', 'Audience poll', and 'Double dip'. This game also features a jackpot questions which gives people a chance to win 1 lakh Rupees by answering a question by sitting at home on their telephones and mobiles and if they are chosen they can answer one more question which is optional and can win 2-3 lakhs more. Super Star, multi-talented Sri Amitabh Bacchan is the perfect host. He brings in lot of laughter, fun, poetry and music into the show.

This show helps people to win money by just answering questions. Appropriately the theme of the show is 'Gyaan hee apko aapka haque dilate hai' It had helped people recover from their financial problems. This show is helpful to people in many ways: It makes them famous, it boosts their confidence level. It helps them win money and overcome hardships in life. I really respect this show and recommend people watch it.

Gurnehmat Kaur Dhindsa - VII A

THE INDIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

We all sing the national anthem, but do you know what it means. Here is a translation in English:

Thou art the rulers of the minds of all
people,
Dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the name of Punjab,
Sind, Gujarat, and Maratha.
Of the Dravid, Orissa and Bengal,
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhya
and Himalayas,
Mingles the music of Yamuna and
Ganga
And is chanted by the waves of the
Indian sea.
They pray for thy blessings and sing
thy praise.
The saving of all people waits in thy
hand, thou dispenser of India's destiny,
Victory, victory, victory to thee!

DREAMS

At seven when I go to bed
I find pictures flying in my head

Castles with dragons prowling around
Gardens where magical fruits are found

Gnomes and goblins working in a mine
Animals together planning where to dine

Fair ladies imprisoned in a tower
Or lost in an enchanted Bower

Knights fighting in the medieval ages
Magical powers inherited by sages

Fairies hopping in chocolate field
The mighty beanstalk will get good yield

While gallant horsemen ride by the
streams

That borders all this land of dreams

Pavit Singh, Class VII-

SUPERNATURAL

Ghouls, ghosts, werewolves and
vampires
Narrating these stories, my grandma
tires

These creatures prowl in the night,
Facing them the brave even lack their
might

What to say about these imaginary
creatures,
Full of viciousness and ferocious in
nature

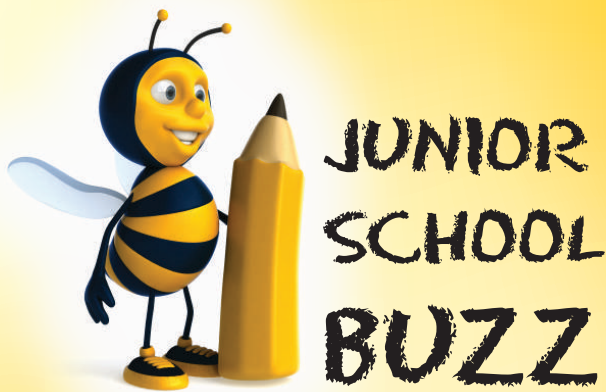
A real piece of art is the monster
Frankenstein,
The creator is wittier than Einstein.

Hidden in Transylvania resides the
noble Count
Fangs to cleanse and more graves to
mount

Werewolves are what the readers like
to taste
Should there be more silver bullets to
waste?

Reading these stories a shiver runs
down my spine
Don't be afraid they will be here to
dine.

By Jaandeep Singh, VII-



An Orientation Programme for the parents of students of Junior School was held in the month of January.

A Special Assembly was conducted to mark the occasion of Republic Day on January 25, 2013.

The National Level Science Talent Search Examination was conducted in school on January 27, 2013.

The essence of Basant Panchmi was captured by conducting a Kite Flying Activity on January 31, 2013.

The Inter-Class Athletic Meet, 2013 for Classes I-V was held from February 18, 2013 to March 2, 2013. The best Athletes for the year were:

Class	Girl	Boy
I	Arshia (I B)	Arnab (I B)
II	Anahat (II C)	Sidhchintan (II D)
III	Asees (III C)	Kunwar (III A)
IV	Sehaj K. Tiwana (IV B, Nalagarh)	Ebrahim (IV E, Tagore)
V	Sanvi (V A, Ranjit)	Gurcharan (V B, Aitchison)

The excitement of the tiny tots of Class I & II was palpable when they participated in a shoe lace tying activity on March 1, 2013.

A Special Prize Distribution Assembly for Classes I to V was held on February 28, 2013, where the academic and non-academic achievers for the year 2012 were awarded.

A Special Assembly was held to celebrate Maha Shivratri on March 8, 2013.



BUDDING WRITERS

Friends Indeed
 Sometimes we fight with all our might
 And doors seem to close
 But in the end, friends again
 And that's what counts the most
 Through thick and thin,
 Tested by time
 Our friendship will never die
 We might grow old, all secrets told
 But we'll be here, as time goes by.

By Punnya, V C

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

The year 2013 came as a pleasant surprise to me in the form of my appointment as the Junior School's Head Girl. It is a matter of great honour for me. To achieve this position in such an esteemed institution is like a dream come true. My parents were very happy and proud of me. My teachers

also congratulated me. Though the position comes along with many responsibilities, I will try my best to shoulder these. May God help me and give me the strength to perform my duties honestly and to perfection.

By Bismanjot, V C

AMAZING FACTS

While collecting some facts about the Great Barrier Reef for my Social Studies Project, I came across some interesting facts that I would like to share:

1. The Great Barrier Reef is a very special place! It is not one continuous reef, but made up of over 2900 individual reefs and 900 islands.
2. The Great Barrier Reef is larger than the Great Wall of China.
3. If you cut yourself on coral and don't clean it, the coral will grow inside your skin!
4. A full grown coral will eat baby coral.
5. Some coral reefs are so small that you can't see them.

6. Baby coral is smaller than a pinhead.
7. Coral reefs occupy 0.1% of the world's ocean surface, yet they provide a home for 25% of all marine species.

Compiled by Upasana, V C

My First Day at YPS

When I got up in the morning, I was very excited as it was my first day at YPS. When I saw the uniform, I found it really smart. My first day in Y.P.S was memorable as I made a lot of new friends. I was thrilled to see such a big playground. My classmates were cheerful and helpful. They went out of their way to make me feel comfortable. I enjoyed the fruit-break and the lunch-break the most. I had a lot of fun at school. I like YPS and am looking forward to having more fun in the years to come.

By Sehaj Kaur Tiwana, IV B

My Trip to Paonta Sahib

One day while planning a short trip, we decided to go to Paonta Sahib in Himachal Pradesh. We quickly gathered our things. My mother packed tasty lunch and tea which we had on the way. The Gurudwara presented a beautiful sight. The backdrop of river Yamuna was very beautiful. Guru Gobind Singh had stayed here and his eldest son, Sahibzada Ajit Singh was born here too. I participated in

the preparation of langar. We stayed there for the night. Next morning, we went to see nearby gurudwaras; 'Jeer Garhi Sahib', 'Sher Gah Sahib', and 'Bangani Sahib.' We enjoyed every minute of the trip. The memory of this trip will remain fresh in my mind for a long time.

By Suhel Singh, V E

Celebrating the Festival of Kites: Basant Panchami

On 31st January, our school organized a kite flying activity. We were excited. The day was sunny and bright. We had brought colourful kites. We shared kites with each other. We made partners and flew two kites at a time. We made lots of new friends too. We enjoyed a lot in the field. Our kites flew very high. We flew the kites for more than an hour. The sky was full of kites. And it was a beautiful sight. We enjoyed and had lots of fun.

My Family

I have many people in my family. My mother, father and grandfather live with me. We also have a dog, his name is Gabru. Gabru and I play together. I love my family. My father and I party on Sundays. We watch a movie together and eat my favourite food.

By Anhad, I B



The Kindergarten children were welcomed to their new classes by their teachers.

were painted on their faces for the occasion.

The little ones were taken to Zakir Hussain Rose Garden for a picnic. They were shown roses in full bloom, played games, sang songs and even went for a Nature walk. They came back happy, with lots to talk about.

NURSERY Nursery children celebrated 'BLUE DAY'. The activities done were bubble-blowing and blowing air into blue balloons. The children painted smiley faces on the balloons.

A birthday activity was also done.

The children pasted round cut-outs and made a caterpillar.

LOWER KINDERGARTEN

The children did a tear and paste activity on the cut-outs of an igloo.

They painted the tri-colour for Republic day. Tattoos

UPPER KINDERGARTEN

The Upper Kindergarten children were asked to get cut-outs of sight words from old magazines and newspapers.

The teacher called out the sight words and the same were identified and pasted by the children on colourful sheets.

Sequencing of Gurmukhi alphabets was taught through pasting the letters in the petals of a flower drawn on a chart paper.

The First Term is a very busy time of the year for the Kindergarten, with children settling in and the corridors a beehive of activity.

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