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- Himmat Tiwana and Beeban Rai of Class XI came second in the senior category of the first stage of the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School Debate held at Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana.

Himmat was adjudged the best speaker. The two have qualified for the next round.

- Avantika Gargya and Bhaskar Dutta of Class X stood first in the junior category in the first stage of the Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter-School Debate held at Hissar. Avantika was awarded the prize for best speaker.
- Ravneet Kaur, Jasamrit Singh, Himmat Tiwana, Beeban Rai, Jaisveen Kaur and Nishtha, all from Class XI, participated in the J K Kate Memorial Debate Quiz held on August 3-5, 2013, at PPS,

Nabha. Ravneet Kaur and Jasamrit Singh reached the final stage.

- The YPS U-19 cricket team won the 2nd Brother McCann Tournament held at St John's School, Chandigarh.
- Kajal Sharma of Class XI participated in a creative writing competition held at Kaintal School, Patiala, on July 19, 2013
- Avantika Gargya of Class X-S participated in a creative writing competition held at British Co-ed School, Chandigarh, on July 19, 2013
- Karan Sagar achieved the 9th rank in the Punjab-Chandigarh Zone in the International Science Olympiad held on January 17, 2013, at Delhi Public School, Chandigarh. His international rank was 375.
- 20 students of the Senior Wing of YPS took part in a creative writing competition held at Vidya Bhavan (Organisation) on April 17, 2013. Khushi of Class VIII-S came first and Pavit Singh of Class IX-E came third.

EDITORIAL

So here ends another term at YPS! A hectic and eventful time, the last two months witnessed the Inter-House plays, the Independence Day and the Teachers' Day celebrations.

On the sports front, football was the sport of the season. Our U-17 team won the Sant Singh Memorial Football Tournament hosted by Pinegrove School at Dharampur and the Inter-House matches were played too. Team Oracle extends the heartiest congratulations to all the winners.

Coming back from the summer vacations, we found the main school building much

larger, with new smart-class devices (Tata Edge smart boards) installed in all the classes and high-tech CCTV cameras. That should certainly make learning more fun...and breaking rules more difficult. Cheers to that!

The final term is here, along with the long-awaited treks. But after that week in the hills will come the time to start preparing for the final exams. So have fun, while you can, and then get down to some serious hard work.

Madhav Pubby
(Editor-in-Chief)

XXXII FOUNDERS DAY

YPS celebrated its 34th Founders' Day on April 9, 2013, with great enthusiasm. The celebrations started with the Academic Procession led by the Principal, Mr R P Devgan. The occasion was made solemn by the school choir rendering a soul-stirring 'shabad'.

The procession was followed by the presentation of reports by the Student Council on the past year's developments in the school. The Junior School Head Boy, Chetan, and the Head Girl, Bismanjeet, presented the Junior School report. They were followed by the Head Boy, Navraj Singh Saini, and the Head Girl, Taarini Ravjit, who presented the academic report. The Deputy Head Boy, Arjun Ram Singh Dhaliwal, and the Deputy Head Girl, Priya Ahluwalia, presented the Boarding House and Social Service reports. Bikramjeet Suri and Jasmine Narang, Co-Curricular Captains, narrated the co-curricular achievements of the school. Amandeep Singh Sobti and Simrata Grewal, Sports Captains, gave a vivid account of sports in YPS.

The prize distribution ceremony followed, with prizes being awarded for academics and co-curricular activities as well as sports colours. House trophies were also presented, with Patiala House winning the Cock House Trophy.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr Abhinav Bindra, India's first Olympic gold medallist in individual sport. In his address to the gathering he said, "I believe three things, if followed



systematically, will lead to victory: passion, hard work and belief in yourself." But the most important thing, he said, was learning to lose. "When you lose, you can always identify what problems you need to fix, and come back with renewed vigor."

A variety entertainment programme was presented by the students. The children in the Hindustani orchestra rendered Sarasvati Vandana, accompanied by musical instruments ranging from the harmonium to xylophone. A western music orchestra too delighted the audience. The Junior School students presented a much-applauded mime show. The final act was a play based on Vikram Seth's 'The Elephant and the Tragopan'.

The performances and presentations were greatly appreciated by the audience who were delighted to have been witness to the huge talent that YPS has to offer.



EXHIBITIONS ON THE FOUNDERS DAY

On Founders' Day, a tradition was revived and the corridors and classrooms of the school came alive with a kaleidoscope of colourful exhibits on the theme of 'Water - The Need of Today's World'. Each department had put up its own projects.

The English Department narrated a collection of poems on the beauty of water, ranging from works by Romantics such as Tennyson to modern poets like Vikram Seth. The students themselves recited the poems with very realistic emotions.

The Hindi Department laid great emphasis on the holiest of rivers, the Ganga. They not only lamented the loss of its sanctity but also displayed many models showing the river's polluted state.

The Punjabi Department explained the importance of the "punj aab" or the five rivers of Punjab and conveyed the importance of keeping them clean and pollution-free through a plethora of charts and models.

The Fine Arts Department showcased a roomful of paintings and photographs taken by the budding artists of YPS. The showpiece was a spectacular modern art piece that represented the suffering of many for a single drop of water.

The Mathematics Department had the children make innovative working models and demonstrations that showed how essential maths is to daily life and how to simplify your life using maths.



The Hobbies Department showcased the work done by teachers and students of various hobbies. The room was packed with parents and visitors lined up to check out the handicrafts, paintings, ceramics and even baked cakes on offer.

The History Department, through beautiful displays showed the significance of rivers as the cradles of civilization. The Harappan Civilization and The Mesopotamian Civilization were charmingly shown.

The Geography Department had a wonderful model of the upcoming Dam on the river Ravi. They also had various charts explaining the course of a river, and the waterworks departments among others.

The students of the Learning Centre had made a lovely presentation of water conservation. They also made drawings and paintings related to the theme.

The Biology Department made a small-scale representation on Biomagnification. An aquarium about Marine Animals and a handmade microscope were the other attractions.



The Chemistry Department depicted the pollution caused by chemical industries and suggested remedial measures. They even showed the workings of a Waterworks Plant.

The Physics Department pulled crowds as their displays demonstrated hands-on fun with physics, from the working of a dam to propeller-boats and hydraulic lifts.

The Commerce students presented a water audit revealing how much water (as well as money) can be saved simply by keeping a check on small problems like tiny leaks here and there. The eye-catching display of taps and banners was well received.

The Psychology Department focussed on the negative side of water, showing how phobias developed and how they could be treated with a desensitization process.

The Trekking Exhibition attracted a lot of attention with children presenting a live demonstration of roughing it out in the wild, from camping to river-crossing. Visitors were enthralled by the makeshift cooking equipment that produced such delicious food.

Change in Infrastructure

A New-Look YPS!

Over the past few months, YPS has experienced a series of changes, from getting a new Principal to some unique infrastructural alterations.

The building of the Junior Wing has been extended to accommodate a Dance Room and a Theatre Room, much to the joy of the students. This will provide wider scope for the development of these finer skills among students.

The Senior School Building has also had many transformations. There is an extension in the front part of the building (facing the dining hall) with a porch at the office entrance. With shuffling of classrooms and laboratories, our

school has taken a revolutionary step in making greater use of technology. Tata Class EDGE was a new system that has been installed in every classroom of the Senior School from classes VI to X and in every science laboratory. It has also been introduced in at least three rooms of the Junior Wing. This step has helped us move forward from the blackboard mode of teaching to a smarter system. It evoked a good response from students as well as teachers.

The Vice Principal's office has been moved into a newly built room. With the setting up of a new and more accessible staff computer laboratory, its benefits are being enjoyed by all staff members. To add to the fun, our entire school campus has become Wi-Fi enabled.

A much needed initiative has been taken to put the whole school under electronic surveillance by installing CCTV cameras all over the premises. This has helped in improving the discipline by keeping a check on the students as well as staff.

The Senior School Library has become more spacious. The Art Room has been shifted into a bigger hall near the Kindergarten area, while the Music Room too now has greater room for the sound to reverberate.

Indeed, YPS has experienced a transition worth being proud of. We hope such positive changes continue and change not only YPS but Yadavindrians too! We look forward to seeing a new, better and worthier YPS!

Kajal Sharma, XI-O

The results for the ISC and ICSE Examinations for the students of class XII and X respectively were declared in May this year.

In The Indian School Certificate (ISC) Examination 2013 51 YPS students appeared for the ISC 2013 examination. Out of them 45 scored 1st Division marks.

The toppers from the School for the ISC Examination, 2013 are as follows:

Results ISC & ICSE

COMMERCE

Tej Pratap Singh Juneja : 85%

HUMANITIES

Simrandeep Kaur : 81.25%

SCIENCE STREAM

Rhythm Singh Randhawa : 80%

This year, all students appearing for Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Examination 2013 conducted by the CISCE at the end of class

X, passed the examination and with the majority of them getting an exceptional result.

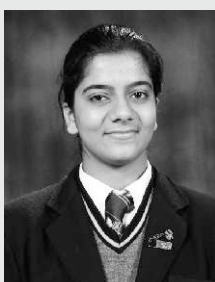
All 112 students passed the exam, with 109 scoring 1st Division marks with 20 securing more than 90%.

The toppers from the School are as follows:

1. Kajal Sharma : 95.4 %
2. Beeban Rai : 95.2 %
3. Baani Ahluwalia : 94.2 %



TEJPRATAP SINGH



KAJAL SHARMA



SIMRANDEEP KAUR



BEEBAN RAI



RHYTHM SINGH RANDHAWA



BAANI AHLUWALIA

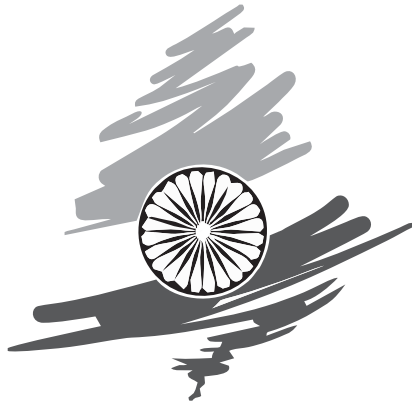
THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On August 15, 2013, as heavens opened up to let down torrents of rain, it was as if the Gods themselves had joined us in celebrating this, our 67th year of Independence. Students of Classes IV-XII were seated in the Gym Hall for the celebrations.

The celebrations started with the Flag Hoisting ceremony by the Principal, Mr R.P. Devgan, with the National Anthem playing in the background. This was followed by a speech given by Taarini Ravjit, the School Head Girl, who emphasised that change, though difficult, was necessary, and it must begin with us. Following this the Junior School presented a patriotic song "Yeh hai hamara Hindustan". Girls from the Senior Wing of the school then presented a semi-classical dance on the song "Satyamev Jayate". Sukhan Preet Kaur and Jaisveen Kaur, accompanied by the Senior School choir presented the patriotic songs, "Ae mere wattan ke logo" and "Dil diya hai jaan bhi denge". This was followed by Principal Sir's speech, where he emphasised that each one of us had a responsibility, and we must remain true to ourselves and to our nation.

The function concluded with the students being served special snacks.

Priya Ahluwalia XII-N



JUST A MINUTE

The Inter-House Just-a-Minute Competition for Classes X, XI and XII was held in the Senior School library on July 24, 2013. The competition served the dual purpose of testing both, a student's ability to speak fluently as well as her confidence to address an audience. Students were given a minute to prepare for their topics and were then required to speak on those for one minute. All participants performed admirably, with Tagore House winning the first position, followed by Nalagarh in the second and Patiala in the third position.

The individual positions were as follows:

First: Shared by Sanya Arora of Tagore House and Nikita Charan of Nalagarh House.

Third: Deepshikha Anand of Patiala house.

The Principal addressed the school after giving away the prizes. He appreciated the participants' effort and spoke of the importance of learning English at a young age.

HINDI & PUNJABI DECLAMATION

The Inter-House Hindi-Punjabi Declamation for classes VIII and IX was held on 17th April, 2013. It was interesting to see many participants orating for the first time. Many sensitive topics like female foeticide, advertisements and terrorism were spoken about. The great response from the audience showed that not only had they enjoyed the competition but also learnt a lot about society.

The individual positions were:

1. Inayat Sodhi, VIII-D (Ranjit House)
2. Raiza Chaudhary, IX-A (Ranjit House), Pranav Raj, VIII-D (Patiala House)
3. Parima Kaloti, VIII-D (Ranjit House)

The House positions were:

1. Ranjit House
2. Patiala House
3. Nalagarh House

Pranav Raj, VIII-D

INTER - HOUSE DRAMATICS COMPETITION

The “dramatic” result of the vertical division of students into Houses was brought to life on May 2-3, 2013, with the five Houses putting their acting talent on display. This year, the plays were held in English, and the audience relished every second of them.

PATIALA HOUSE:

Cybernella

Fairy tales were given a new twist with Patiala House's take on Cinderella. The proverbial Godmother and the happy ending were given avatars more relevant to the times. In the end *Cybernella* found her 'fella' and our faith in happy endings was kept alive.

TAGORE HOUSE:

Meet the Trojans

The great Homeric epic of the Trojan War was spoofed by the Tagorians. The classic war between the Spartans and the Trojans ensued after a fight among the coolest Gods ever. The audience was in splits looking at the 'dumb-beauty' Helen, the might-midget Ajax and a most adorable Apollo. In the end, Tagore House's Trojan horse won them the first position.

AITCHISON HOUSE:

Mother's Day

Mother's day was a touching tale about Mrs Pearson. A devoted mother, her love for her children was so great that she valued herself very little. She took care of the needs of her family, leaving her with no time for herself. The play showed her transformation, through the work of the hugely talented 'Masooma' (Atharv Sharma), from a timid door mat to



a self-assured and poised woman who knows her mind and earns her family's respect. Mother's Day was a touching tale of love.

RANJIT HOUSE:

The Education of Janet O' Malley

It was a play that all students, even the best of them, could relate to. Janet O' Malley's lament evoked empathy from all. The play reiterated the question on nearly each young student's mind, “Why do I have to know everything that they teach in school?” In the play Janet O' Malley gets hit by a ball and goes through a sequence of wacky dream sequences one after the other, during the course of which she gets the answers to her questions.



Nalagarh House:

The Art of Living

Nalagarh House presented a comedy, 'The Art of Living', depicting the life of an average middle-class family. The play threw light on the adverse impact

of modern technology. It was based on a quintessential, modern family, which lacked strong bonds and mutual respect. Contrarily, the Grandfather was repulsed by the daily whims of modern life. The play showed the transformation that the members of this family underwent from 'uncaring and indifferent' to 'the ideal family'. The change was a result of 'no television' for a single day. The star of the show was Aunt Polly (Arjun Ram Singh Dhaliwal) whose performance got a thunderous round of applause from the audience.



Inter House Dramatics Results

First Position: Tagore House
 Second Position: Nalagarh House
 Third Position: Patiala House
 Fourth Position: Ranjit House
 Fifth Position: Aitchison House

The award for the Best Publicity Material went to Nalagarh House. Atharv Sharma (VIII-S) of Aitchison House, was awarded the Best Actor Award, with Kartikeya Puri (VII-S) of Tagore House coming second, and Madhav Pubby (XII-C) of Tagore House getting the third position. The Best Supporting Actor Award went to Tanveer Mangat (VI-N) of Tagore House, with Jasamrit Singh (XII- O) of Nalagarh House getting the second prize and Aaliya Sachar (VII-O) of Patiala House winning the third prize.



Budding Writers

STUDENTS CONTRIBUTION

On my last birthday my dad presented me with a smart looking computer. Since it is very dear to me he taught me some basic things to take care of my computer. I'd like to share the things he told me with all my friends. He told me that I must keep my work area clean so that dust does not settle on my computer and damage it. I must also save my work often so that I do not lose my work if the power fails. Also I must hold CD's by the edges so that I do not damage the files written on them. He also taught me to close all programs before I shut down the computer and also I Should never switch off a computer directly without shutting down, else I could lose my files and information. He also advised me never to bring food or drinks near it as it might spoil the hardware of my computer. I am glad he taught me all these necessary things to take care of my computer. My computer is my store house of information and I have learnt so many useful things through it. So I also in turn like to take good care of it.

Gunjan Ahluwalia IV-N

FRIENDS ARE FOR LIFE

Friends Are For Life...
Who Help Each One
Who Remember Everyone..
Day or Night

Who's Cute Smile Gives
Happiness...
All Over The World

Who Can Judge The People
With Their Beautiful Minds
Who Is That...
A Best Best Friend.

Jasmine Kaur VI-E

MY INSPIRATION

My inspiration is a world- loser and a dreamer of dreams in the eyes of the world. Yes you have guessed right- it is Ruskin Bond. His mind is devoted to nature. His stories give peace to my mind.

Many people think that Ruskin Bond is a very dumb person and that I am obsessed with Ruskin Bond I really don't know but his stories work some magic on me. I love the way he writes.

I am inspired by him because I too love writing. But my writing is not always a success. I think that writing should be like you are working magic on the person and one should be addicted to it.

I think Bond's stories and my mother's encouragement has inspired me a lot to write. His love towards nature is divine. He is a person that I want to meet at least once in my lifetime.

Reading about his life told me that he is a person who had to overcome a lot of difficulties but

he never stopped writing. I want to be like him-devoted to writing. I want to salute him....

Gurnehmat Kaur Dhindsa VII-A

WITH A SIGH

Finishing my exam that day,
I looked around with a sigh - as I knew, to some faces I would have to say good bye.

Amongst them you were one,
In the same condition as I,
With a similar sigh, but just a tear-
Didn't roll down thy eye.

The time has flown with such haste,
Today I long to say hi!
And I am such a guy that
From you I couldn't even hear good bye!

Ashutosh .P. Kaushal XI-O

MOTHER



Whenever I fall,
You pick me up
Whenever I lose hope,
You encourage me
Whenever I am sad,
You add joy to my life.

So I always know
That you are there to support me
You are there to help me,
You are there to make my life better
I know that you will never let me happen anything

That's why I love you the most,
I trust you the most
And I know that nobody is better than a mother

Reet Maggo

JOURNEY TO FIVE STATES

My dad is a very avid driver he loves to drive long distances and this year he wanted to drive down to Bombay. He is posted there and he wanted to take his car there. I was not at all okay with his plan as I dreaded sitting in the car for 2-3 days and stopping only for food and at night to sleep. But I had to go, I had no choice.

On the 8th of July we started from our hometown, Chandigarh at 4:15am. Our first State was Haryana. I am used to driving to Haryana when I visit my grandmother. I just slept all the way.

Our next state was Delhi. I had no problem driving from Punjab to great adventure. Delhi as a have the capacity to sit in the car for a long time although this time it was different. Till Delhi I was just dozing in the car. We had breakfast near Gurgaon at McDonalds where we had burgers each. My journey till here was lovely.

Now comes the worst part—travelling in Rajasthan. I just don't feel like recalling the journey in Rajasthan as it was the longest one. All the way I just felt like we are never going to reach Gujrat. The food in Rajasthan was not good, but what could I do? The roads in Rajasthan were the best as we travelled only on the Express way. We thought it would be very hot in June but it was raining cats and dogs. We had decided to drive till Udaipur on the first day but because of the rain we stopped at Chittorgarh. We stayed at the Panna Hotel. After food we went for sweet dish to a nearby market where we had ice creams. Something I loved

about Rajasthan was the Hotel. I slept really well that night.

The next day was the 9th of July. We started our journey to Bombay at about 6:30 in the morning. At 11 or 12 we reached Gujrat. I loved Gujrat as I got to eat 4-5 types of "Dhoklas" and some "Papri" which I enjoyed in the car. Another thing that I saw was a group of men on on Harley Davidsons, which was another lovely sight. I even got to see the place where the tropic of Cancer passes from. We had a very yummy dinner at a hotel in Daman.

I was very happy when we reached Maharashtra. I was so excited to meet my friends. I was feeling very sleepy so I slept half the way and the rest of the time my sister slept. I was feeling so happy and excited when we reached Bombay at 11pm. There were so many people on the roads even at this time of the night. At 11:30 we reached the Custom's Colony in Powai, Where my dad has a flat. We all were delighted when my dad told all of us that we a covered a distance of 1727 km in just two days.

This was my Journey of Five states which I was not looking forward to but which turned out to be a great adventure.

A Cute Humming Bird's Nest

I woke up early one day and walked outside to have a look at the plants in my garden and then I sat down on a bench. I heard a noise coming from behind the bench. Turning back, I saw a nest upon the night lamp. The bird had something in its mouth and was

about to feed her babies. On reaching the nest her babies opened their mouth and the bird fed her babies. Do you know the size of the nest was just as big as my hand and the hole was as big as my index finger! The other morning I found the birds cozily snuggled up with each other, making sounds which I liked. It was so cute. Once when it was raining, I kept thinking what would happen to the birds. But then I remembered that their nest had shelter. I was looking at the bird with a lot of curiosity as to what it would do. After some time I got my camera and clicked some pictures. I was happy to see the birds safe and sound and loving each other's company.

Sanmeet Kaur Sawhney VI-C

Looking For Stars

Never mind, if it is day or night,
One day everything will be in sight,
What will happen will be all right.

Look for stars each day,
You'll definitely find them,
Because if there is a will
there's a way.

Those are not mad who look for
stars in daylight
But they are one of them who
Really want to do it.

Beauty of Night

I had a walk in moonlit night,
And felt that it was
a very nice sight
The stars were twinkling in the sky
And silver moon was very high
The birds and animals, all had slept
When two little owls quietly crept.
They saw the beauty of that night,
And looked at the stars, so bright.
Then I went to my mother,
And kissed her good night

Reet Maggo



Find Your Way



- Q. Big as a biscuit, deep as a cup, even a river can't fill it up. What is it?
- A. *A kitchen strainer.*
- Q. What has to be broken before it can be used?
- A. *An egg.*
- Q. What's black and white and 'red' all over?
- A. *A newspaper.*
- Q. What is harder to catch the faster you run?
- A. *Your breath!*
- Q. If the red house is on the right side and if the blue house is on the left side where's the white house?
- A. *Washington DC*
- Q. On what side of a temple does a coconut tree grow?
- A: *Outside.*

Tongue Twisters

1. A Proper Copper Coffee Pot.
2. Betty Bopper's battering baton made Bertie Bopper bite her.
3. Rubber Baby Buggy Bumper.
4. Can you can a can as a canner can can a can.
5. Plain bun, plum bun, bun without plum.



Deposit your entries with Ms. Rajdeep Bains by October 6, 2012



Inter-House English poetry competition was held for Classes IV and V on March 14, 2013, wherein the enthusiastic competitors held the judges and the audience spellbound with their interesting and lively poems. The winners were Joshvir S. Narula V-O (Aitchison House), Zea Gill V-S (Nalagarh House) and Ishroop Kaur V-S (Nalagarh House).



Class III had 'The Discovery' as their topic for the special assembly which was held on March 21. The students showed early man, discovery of fire, the discovery of weapons and caves through the medium of songs, dramatisation and narration. A special mention was made of an English poem written by Komal Ma'am, which was apt for the theme and captured the essence of 'The Discovery'.

A joint Assembly was held for celebrating Holi, Good Friday and Easter on March 16. Peppy songs and dances were presented which brought alive the colours of Holi. The Principal gave away the prizes to the achievers for non-academic activities for the year 2012.

The Founders Day was celebrated with much fanfare on April 9. Abhinav Bindra graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The students of Classes IV and V put up a mesmerising drama performance based on the theme of 'seasons'. The melodious songs sung by the Western Music Choir and the Indian Music Choir regaled the audience. The proud winners of the Mrinal Dutta trophy were Gurnoor Kaur III-O and Ibrahim Hassan Sofi III-E.

An event for calligraphy in different languages was conducted for Classes II-V on April 15 and April 17.

On April 16, a Spelling Bee Competition for Classes II-V was held to check the power of the spelling wizards.

To assess the general awareness of the students a General Knowledge Quiz was held on April 17, 2013.

Learning through seeing and observing was the crux of the educational trips organised for the students of Classes IV and V to the P.N. Mehra Botanical Garden and Bhakra Nangal Dam on April 23 and April 25, respectively.

Having fun while learning was the idea behind the Special Assembly staged by the students of Class II on April 30. The story of 'The



'Three Little Pigs' was beautifully dramatised along with enriching songs and dances performed by the young artistes.

Class III English Poetry Recitation Competition was held on April 30. The winners were Parul Srivastava III-N, Natasha Singh III-S and Baltej Singh III-O.



A Special Assembly was staged by the students of Class I on May 16, based on the theme 'Friendship'. Parents and grandparents were delighted to see their tiny tots performing on stage.



On May 24, 2013, there was an interesting and highly informative project display by the students of Classes IV and V on plants and dams titled 'The Green Zone' and 'The Multipurpose Projects in India'.



A graceful dance performance was put up by students of Class II on August 8, 2013, to the rhythm of a devotional song and a speech

on the importance of the month of Ramzan marked the holy celebrations of Eid. The same day, the students of Classes IV and V were thrilled to watch the movie 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag'.

An Inter-House Punjabi Poetry Recitation Competition for the students of Classes IV and V was conducted on August 10 and it gave the children an opportunity to hone and showcase their recitation skills. The winners were

Ranmeek Kaur V-E, Joshvir Narula V-O and Shubreet Kaur IV-E.

On the occasion of Janamashtami, the students of Class IV sang a devotional song. Its significance was conveyed to the students through a speech. The corridors of the Junior School Building came alive with a mesmerising Jhalki. Each child got an opportunity to offer prayers and give a swing to the idol of Lord Krishna.

A Day Out to Watch 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag'

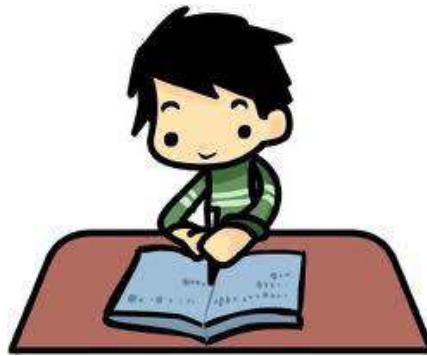
Suhel V-T

It was a sunny August morning and we, the children of Classes IV and V were excited as we were going to watch a great movie Bhaag Milkha Bhaag. It was 8 August and at 9 a.m., we left for Piccadily Square. When we reached there, our excitement touched new heights. The mall was beautiful from inside and when we entered the cinema hall, we all got even more excited. I sat along with my friends, Gurvir and Imroz. We felt proud that a student from Y.P.S was playing the role of Junior Milkha Singh. The movie was a mix of comedy and tragedy. It was a great movie and inspired all of us. After watching the movie, we went back to school and had a sumptuous lunch. It was a great experience and we all felt motivated to take the challenges head on after watching the movie.

The Joy of Victory

Vikrant Roy IV-N

Once upon a time, there was a boy whose name was Abhimanyu. He worked really hard for the Inter -



BUDDING WRITERS

School Story Telling competition. He learned the story in one week, but he had to improve his spoken English, fluency and expressions while narrating. The competition was to be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

He tried better than before and came second in the competition held in 2010, his family was an encouragement and inspiration for him. One year passed, and it was the same place year 2011, but not the same preparation because now he had understood that with the lack of spoken English, fluency and expressions he had lost earlier. When he entered the competition venue, everybody was cheering "Daksh" who had come first last time.

The competition started and this time, Bravo! Abhimanyu beat Daksh and stood first. Now his family decided to throw a surprise party. They invited his friends and they all enjoyed the party.

One of his friends asked him, "What was your feeling on winning the prize?" Then he said, "It is the hardwork that brought 'The Joy of Victory' to me."

A Visit to The Botanical Garden

Yatharth Ratti IV-S

On Tuesday we went to P.N. Mehra's Botanical Garden, Punjab University, Chandigarh. We went there to observe nature and also for our project that was coming up. I was fascinated on seeing the plants there. I saw many rare plants and many varieties of Cactii too in the greenhouse. Different types of Palm trees were also there. The tallest grass, Bamboo was also planted there. Our science teacher, Manjeet ma'am told us a lot of facts about bamboo and clicked our photographs. Then we ate our snacks and at last we boarded our buses. It was an educative and informative trip.

What I Like To Do Best

Aryan III-O

I like to swim in cool water. Swimming is a complete exercise. I like to sing English Punjabi and Hindi songs. I like to draw cartoons and colour them too. Yellow, blue, pink and red are my favourite colours. I also like to go to my grandma and grandpa house at Karnal. They pamper me with love and chocolates.

* I like to do drawing the best. I have made many drawings at my nani's house. I also love to draw for my school scrapbook and play games on my laptop. I like to play cricket and watch matches on T.V.



Now, come on we will start with spring cleaning.” When she starts I tell my mom that I want to go to the washroom. I take my ipad, play with it and do not come back for a couple of hours. Then my mum catches hold of me and gives me more work to do. The other reason why I hate spring cleaning is that during spring cleaning the house does not look like a house, it looks like a warehouse. But, still I like spring cleaning a little because its fun as mom does not get time to cook and we order food from outside.

A Trip to the Botanical Garden

Gunjan Ahluwalia IV-O

We went to the Botanical Garden on 23 April to study plants for the science project day. We reached school at 8:45 a.m. Our teacher took our attendance and we boarded the buses, within half an hour we reached the Garden. There we saw many types of plants such as Bamboo, Palm tree, Cacti and many more. There were big ponds in which the water lilies were growing with lots of tadpoles too. We also collected some pine cones. There was a

well maintained nursery where plants are raised, multiplied then grown at other places.

At the end we got a banana each and boarded the buses. It was an educative and a fun trip.

If I Had a Magic Wand

I would help street dogs and cats by building pet care homes where they would be kept, given food and water.

Ibadat III-O

I would make a robot that would play with me and help me with my homework.

Aryan III-O

I would travel to the biggest ice cream factory and eat all types of delicious ice creams.

Sarghi III-O

I would help poor people by giving them healthy food, nice houses and good clothes.

Pratham III-O

My Idea of an Ideal School

Suhel Randhawa V-T

A school is a place where a child's personality starts taking form. For a good future every child must go to a good school. For good learning, the teachers should be kind, co-operative and above all, well versed in her subjects. The environment of a classroom should be such that learning becomes a pleasant experience. The school must be well ventilated, the classrooms should be air conditioned so that the students are not bogged down by the extreme weather conditions

Nature

Divroop IV-O

Nature, my friend,
You have no end.
Nature the best gift of God,
Or the second name of Lord,
The bright and shining sun,
During the day, so much fun!
The twinkling stars and the moon,
During the night, what a boon!
The deep oceans with beautiful beaches,
Are not beyond our reaches.
The plants and trees of nature,
Are the homes of many creatures.
Oh nature! You are so true
We all love you.

Spring Cleaning

Bismanjot V-N

I love spring but I hate spring cleaning because my mom pulls out everything from the cupboards. She pulls out the sofa covers and all the linen. When we are about to start my mum says, “

which can distract them from their studies. The school must take children for expeditions so that they can explore the world around them. The students must learn by doing. There should be interesting activities for children to choose from to learn something new. The schools should just not lay stress on studies but also teach the children to become good and valuable citizens of the nation.

My Trip to Jim Corbett

Gurbani II-O

I went to Jim Corbett Forest with my grandparents and parents. I saw tigers, birds, monkeys and lots of peacocks. I also went in a green jeep for a jungle safari drive. I enjoyed staying in the resort hut and ate yummy food.



Educational Trip to Bhakra Nangal Dam

Punnya, Sejal and Harchand IV-N

On 25 April, class IV went for an educational trip to Bhakra Dam to understand the working of a dam. This was very helpful to us as we had a project on multi-purpose projects in India. First we went to the Nehru Center. Inside there were pictures of our

first Prime Minister, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru inaugurating the dam and of the dam under construction, maps and models of the dams as well as its canals. We also got to know that the height of the dam is 740 feet and that it was built at the cost of Rs. 325.88 crores. We scribbled all this information in our notebooks.

The outer view of the dam was like that of a great wall. We also saw the flood gates which are opened in times of excess water in the dam. Bhakra Dam being a hilly area, we spotted many monkeys around us. Suddenly a mother monkey sneezed and the baby who was clinging to her stomach fell down. This sight was so hilarious that all of us burst into laughter. On our way back, we had lunch at a park and afterwards, we played for a while. This whole trip was a very enjoyable and educative experience. We wish that that our school would organize more such trips for us in future.

Janamastami

Ananya V-T

The festival of Janamashtami was celebrated on the 28th of August. Our school celebrated Janamastami on 22 August with a Special Assembly in the morning. The assembly began with the choir singing a Hindi devotional song, "Govinda he Gopala", a soulful song devoted to Lord Krishna. After the song, Principal Sir addressed us urging us to be good to others and work hard in life. One area in our school corridor was decorated with a tableau of Lord Krishna with an idol of 'Bal Krishna' on a cradle and a beautiful picture of Radha and Krishna decorated with a

flower garland. It presented a picture perfect scene and children loved swinging Lord's cradle. Some people also prayed to Lord Krishna asking for his blessings.

Our school celebrated Janamastami with a lot of enthusiasm and devotion.

Rain

Parul Shrivastava III-N

Rain rain is here,
Rain rain everywhere,
With colourful umbrellas, boots
and raincoats,
And lots of pretty paperboats.

The blue blue drops,
Shine on little crops.

Shine lotus, tulip and rose,
As rain gives them a little dose.

As it shines the whole world,
And we say only one word
Rain rain is here,
Rain rain everywhere.



SPECIAL ACHIEVERS

Taranveer Singh of Class II-N won the Bronze Medal in the Sub-Junior Uniove Combat Taekwondo competition held on May 25-26, 2013, at the Skating Rink, Chandigarh.

Soham Wadhawan of Class II-N won the Bronze Medal in the Sub-Junior U-29kg weight 1st Chandigarh Open State Cup in Taekwondo held on May 25 and 26 2013 at the Skating Rink, Chandigarh.



The refreshing monsoon infused the Kindergarten with vigour and joy giving us respite from the searing heat.

The Nursery welcomed the rains by making colourful origami paper boats followed by a boat sailing activity. The children were involved in various other fun-filled activities like sponge dabbling, paper tearing and finger printing. Orange day and Raksha Bandhan were also celebrated. The children were explained the symbolism behind the festival as they tied rakhies on each other's wrists to show their love and camaraderie.

The Lower Kindergarten's swimming classes in the big pool started once again after the summer break. The children have gone further than just splashing in the pool. They are learning to swim under the watchful eye of the coach and their class teacher.

Independence Day was celebrated by colouring the National Flag and hot air balloons with the colours of freedom.

The Upper Kindergarten lays great stress on blending activities for a more fun-filled learning experience. For the 'ch' and 'fr' sounds they made interesting frogs and cute chicks and wrote rhyming words for them.

There is never a dull moment in the Kindergarten, the air is full of music and songs, buzzing with children's voices, much like industrious bees in a humming beehive.



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ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT!



A SPLASH IN THE SUN

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