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When Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert apply to an orphanage for a boy to help on their farm, Green Gables, they are astonished when a lively little girl steps off the train instead. This was the setting of the YPS Annual production, 'Anne of Green Gables—The Musical' which was performed to a houseful audience at Tagore Theatre on September 13, 2013. The story revolved around “red-headed” Anne, a whimsical, impulsive, fiery-tempered and extremely imaginative child, and her relationship with Marilla. Marilla's instant rejection of “a girl” and her change of heart as Anne charmed her way into her affection was portrayed through an exquisite song and dance drama which showcased the talents of more than 80 children who were a part of the production.

Anne of Green Gables - the Musical

The play was directed by Mrs Anjali Arora, Mrs Neena Singh and Mrs Rajdeep Bains, the first time YPS witnessed a completely in-house production. The conceptualisation and the delightful music was orchestrated by Mrs Sumali Devgan. The graceful dances were choreographed by Mr Akshay Sharma, a professional in the field of ballet. Mr Sukirat Singh and Mr Virendra Rana deserve kudos for the beautiful three-dimensional sets. Make-up by Mrs Neelu Sandhu and Ms Duneep

Sandhu added a realistic dimension.

Team Oracle congratulates Aaliya Sachar and Sanya Arora for their outstanding contribution in the roles of Anne and Marilla respectively. Noteworthy performances by Beeban Rai as Rachel, Sajneet Mangat as Diana, Bhaskar Datta as Mr. Philips, Sanjana Sidhu as Ms. Stacey, Shaurya Dhawan as Matthew, and Tanay Gopal as Gilbert, were seen.

Another feather in the cap of the 'Anne of Green Gables' team was their visit, on special invitation, to The Punjab Public School, Nabha, where the play was performed to a houseful audience and received a standing ovation.

Three cheers to the team and YPS!

EDITORIAL

Hello and happy end of the year everyone! I hope this year was a good one for all of you, with tidings of joy, as Shakespeare said. It is with a mournful heart that I write my final editorial for the newsletter. It was an honor to be a part of the team. For many of us the highlight of the year are the school treks, and this newsletter gives a detailed report of them. The school play was also staged, a colorful and impressive display of talent. The farewell for class XII, a sad yet joyful event, was held in the gym hall, organized by the teachers and class XI. Thank you! For some of us, our journey with YPS is ending, for some it will continue, and for some it is just starting. I wish the best to everyone.

YPS has been my home for the last 12 years, and now that school is over, I have mixed feelings about the whole thing. On one hand I'm curious to see what life will bring next, and on the other I will miss this place. Not the studying part, but the rest. And there is one song which encapsulates all my feelings. Apocalyptica - farewell. Listen to it, it's worth it. It's an instrumental with 4 cellos and drums and a nostalgic feel. I must bid you farewell now and hope you do well in your final exams.. Keep smiling and keep reading. Hasta la Vista!

Madhav Pubby
(Editor-in-Chief)

U-17 ALL INDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFERENCE - CRICKET TOURNAMENT

YPS, Mohali, hosted the All-India Public School Conference (IPSC), Under-17 (Boys) Cricket Tournament from October 31, 2013 to November 4, 2013.

The Chief Guest at the inaugural of the tournament was Mr. Bhupinder Singh Sr, a former Indian cricketer who is the Punjab Ranji Trophy coach for the current season, 2013. Mr. Singh is also an administrator in the Punjab Cricket Association. He was a member of the selection committee that is responsible for selection of cricket teams to represent India at various levels. He has played domestic cricket for Punjab and two One-Day Internationals for India in 1994. Thirteen teams pan-India participated in this 5-day championship. The participating teams were from Birla Public School, Pilani; DPS Mathura Road, New Delhi; DPS R K Puarm, New Delhi; Mann Public School, New Delhi; Mayo College, Ajmer; Modern School, Barkhamba Road, New Delhi; Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai; Punjab Public School, Nabha; Sainik School



Kapurthala, The Daly College, Indore; The Scindia School, Gwalior; Yadavindra Public School, Patiala and the host school, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali.

The results of the tournament were as follows: The Daly College, Indore, won the Tournament. The runners-up were Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi. Yadavindra Public School, Mohali bagged the 3rd position.

Best Player of the Tournament: Sankalp Srivastva (Delhi Public School, R K Puram, New Delhi)

Best Batsman of the Tournament: Vishal Chauhan (The Daly College, Indore)

Best Bowler of the Tournament: Parth Kohli (Yadavindra Public School, Mohali)

Best Emerging Player of the Tournament: Jaskaran Singh (Yadavindra Public School, Mohali)

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING

Youth for Understanding (YFU) India is part of a worldwide movement of committed individuals and organisations working to prepare young people for a fast changing world. YFU provides youth between 15 and 18 a variety of intensive exchange opportunities. Young enough to adjust to a new culture, yet old enough to benefit from the experience, the students reap the benefits of learning from the host family and community.

Yadavindra Public School welcomes Harold Oja, our first foreign exchange student through YFU. Harold is from Estonia and is studying in Class XI.

Yuvraj and Sukhman Dhanoa of Class IX opened their home and hearts to Harold, becoming his hosts for the first part of his stay. Living among Punjabis, Harold has adapted to the culture so well that he can not only speak Punjabi, but also read and write it.

During the course of his nine-month programme, Harold has already done community service in Delhi, attended a school in Sonipat, and visited Agra. Wanting to enrich his experience further, Harold is at present staying at the house of our Head Girl, Taarini Ravjit.

Excerpts from an interview with Harold and the hosts:

Q. What prompted you to take part in this programme?

Harold: *I found the YFU programme unique, and felt I had to have the experience.*

Sukhman and Yuvraj: We felt it would be a good experience for us because we would get to learn



Harold with his host family - Dr. (Mrs.) Nivedita Ravjit Singh and friends from YPS - MOHALI

about a new culture and language.

Mr and Mrs. Dhanoa: We didn't need to think twice about hosting him. The teachers had told us beforehand he was a well-behaved boy! Indians are known for their hospitality, and we were happy to have had an opportunity to demonstrate that.

Q. How has the experience been for you?

Harold: *In one word, I would say it has been 'enlightening'. After the initial month of excitement—where anything Indian fascinated me—I got a little homesick. I didn't feel like interacting with anyone. But it's been smooth sailing from there. I am really happy here in Mohali. YPS has also welcomed me with open arms. It is not very different from my own school and it feels like home now.*

Sukhman and Yuvraj: It was better than we expected. We found a good friend in Harold and interacting with him has helped us mature as human beings. We really admire his ability to adjust to any situation.

Mr and Mrs Dhanoa: Harold

seems like our own child now. He adapted so well in our home and eats everything from makki ki roti and saag to mooli ke paranthe.

Q. Is there anything in particular that you like or dislike in India?

Harold: *People litter very casually here and if you go out anywhere it is quite a task to locate a garbage bin. That comes as a cultural shock to me. I really like the food here. I had expected it to be spicy and, to be honest, a little unhygienic, but it's nothing like that. My favourite dishes are paneer and chhole.*

Q. How are the schools here different from Estonia?

Harold: *They are a lot tougher here. In Estonia I was used to 5-minute breaks after every lesson. The system there is oriented more towards practical work.*

Q. Would you recommend foreign exchange for another student?

Harold: *I have thoroughly enjoyed it, but foreign exchange is not for everyone. I would recommend it with a forewarning that it is tougher than it looks and you have to adjust a lot.*

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Yadavindrians participated in the following inter-school events:

The Visual Arts Festival,

held at Welham Boys School, Dehradun, from October 7-10, 2013 where Taarini Ravjit, Anya Gupta and Sukham Sond, all of Class XII-N, Gurmeet Aujla, XII-O, Vrindha Talwar, XII-E and Huijin Jang, XI-N participated.

Taarini, Huijin and Anya stood 1st in face painting.

Huijin and Vrindha stood 3rd in Best out of Waste.

Taarini and Anya stood 3rd in Hand Painting.

Inter-School English Debate,

held at Vivek High School, on October 26, 2013, where Himmat Tiwana, XI-O and Beeban Rai, XI-N, participated.

The team secured the third position. Himmat Tiwana was also adjudged the Best Speaker.

The Amar Singh Memorial Debate,

held at The British Co-ed School, Patiala, on October 29, 2013.

Sanya Arora and Avantika Gargya, both of X-S, participated and won laurels for the school by bringing home the Winner's trophy

The IPSC-IT Fest - 2013,

held at The Scindia School, Gwalior, from October 27- 29, 2013, Where Lovneet Bhatt, X-E, Bhaskar Dutta, X-E, Kajal Sharma, XI-O, Mehertaj XI-O, Ashotosh Sharma XI-O, Shaurya Dhawan, XI-O, Pavit Singh, IX-N participated.

Lovneet came third 3rd in Collage making and Bhaskar came 3rd in Computer Assembly.

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The Computer Quiz, for Classes VI-VII, was held on August 14, 2013. Ranjit House came first, followed by Tagore House, Patiala House, Nalagarh House and Aitchison House

The Computer Quiz for Classes VIII and IX was held on August 21, 2013

Patiala House came first followed by Nalagarh House, Ranjit House, Tagore House and Aitchison House.

The Hindi Essay Writing Competition for Classes VI to XII saw the following children win the prizes

Classes VI-VII

1. Aranya Caimi, VII-O
 2. Anshnoor Kaur, VII-E
 3. Nishan Singh Brar, VII-T
- Con. Anushka Gargya, VI-S

Classes VIII-IX

1. Ashpreet Matharu, VIII-N
 2. Navya Sapra, VIII-S
 3. Anirudh Gargya, IX-E
- Con. Sahil Ahuja, IX-T
Jaskirat, IX-T

Classes X-XII

1. Divyak Jain, XI-E
 2. Jasmine Narang, XII-O
 3. Shah Manraj Singh, X-O
- Con. Preet Kamal, XI-E

The Punjabi Essay Writing Competition for Classes VI to XII had the following winners:

Classes VI-VII

1. Parmeet Singh, VII-E
 4. Harsimrat Buttar, VI-E
 5. Reet Maggo, VI-N
- Con. Angad Mangat, VII-N

Classes VIII-IX

1. Harnoor Dhillon, IX-T
2. Gurleen Kaur, IX-O

3. Simrat Kaur, IX-N
- Con. Sukhman Kaur, IX-E

Classes X-XII

1. Prateek Naval Virk, XI-N
 2. Sukhanpreet Kaur, IX-N
 3. Lovneet Bhatt, X-E
- Con. Avinash Sidhu, X-S

The Literary Contest, for Classes X-XII, was held on 4 September, 2013. The House positions were as follows. First: Tagore House, 2nd Aitchison House, the 3rd position was a tie between Nalagarh House and Ranjit House and the 5th position went to Patiala House.

The Poetry Recitation (English) for Classes X-XII was held on September 11, 2013. Nikita M. Charan (N.H.) won the first prize, with Amanpreet (A.H.) coming 2nd and Prateek (R.H.) coming 3rd. Nalagarh House came 1st, followed by Ranjit House, with Patiala House, Aitchison House and Tagore House taking up the 3rd to 5th positions respectively.

The Maths Olympiad, for Classes VI-VII was held on September 18, 2013, with the House positions as follows:

1. A.H
2. T.H
3. P.H
4. N.H
5. R.H

The Just-a-Minute for Classes VI-VII, was held on September 25, 2013. The House positions were:

1. T.H
2. N.H
3. P.H
4. R.H
5. A.H

Best Speakers:

1. Reet Maggo(N.H.), VI-N
2. Tanveer Mangat(T.H.), VI-N
3. Jasleen Gill (A.H.) VI-E

The Oxford Style Debate for Classes X-XII was held on 10 October, 2013. The House positions were:

1. N.H
2. T.H
3. P.H
4. A.H
5. R.H

Best speakers:

Round I- Jasmine Narang (P.H.), XII-N

Round II and III Himmat Singh Tiwana (N.H.), XI-O

Round IV – Himmat Singh Tiwana (N.H.), XI-O and Beeban Rai (T.H.), XI-N

The English Debate for Classes VIII-IX was held on October 21, 2013

The House positions were as follows:

1. R.H
2. T.H
3. A.H
4. N.H
5. P.H

The Best speakers were:

1. Inayat K. Sodhi (R.H.)
2. Sajneet K. Mangat (T.H.)
3. Harshita (A.H.)

The Quiz Competition for Classes X-XII was held on October 23, 2013

The House positions were:

1. P.H
2. T.H
3. A.H
4. N.H
5. R.H

The Inter-House Music Competition for Classes VI-XII was held on October 28, 2013

The House positions were:

1. R.H
2. T.H
3. A.H
4. N.H
5. P.H

Best solo-singers:

1. Jaisveen Kaur (R.H.)

2. Kashish (N.H.)
3. Prabhnoor Kaur (A.H.)

Qawwali Round:

1. R.H.
2. T.H
3. A.H.



YPS took part in the IPSC U-19 Hockey Tournament held at YPS, Patiala from August 13-15, 2013

The YPS XI Basketball Girls team defeated PPS, Nabha on August 17, 2013

YPS participated in the Bhopinder Singh Memorial All India Football Tournament held at Lawrence School, Sanawar, from August 24-27, 2013

Inter-House Football matches were held from September 2-13, 2013

The House positions were as follows

1st Aitchison House, 2nd Tagore House, 3rd Nalagarh House, 4th Ranjit House and 5th Patiala House

The YPS U-17 boys football team participated in the Sant Singh Memorial Soccer Tournament held at Pine Grove School, Subathu, from 4th To 7th Sept YPS won the winner's trophy.

Ikrabdeep Singh Ghai was awarded the 'Man of the Match' of the tournament and the highest scorer.

YPS participated in the IPSC Football U-19 Boys held at

Rajkumar College Raipur from October 16-19, 2013

The U-14 cricket team took part in the IPSC U-14 (Boys) Cricket Tournament held at DPS, Mathura Road from October 16-20, 2013

The school took part in the 11th Dulip Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament held at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla from October 24-27, 2013

YPS hosted the Inter-School Cricket League from September 15- October 20, 2013, and the IPSC U-17 (Boys) Cricket Tournament from October 31- November 4, 2013

The U-19 team took part in the 2nd BR McCann U- 19 Cricket Tournament YPS won the trophy. Armaan was adjudged the 'Man of the Match'

The YPS U-12 (Boys) secured the 4th position in the 16TH Sub-Junior U-12(Boys) Hockey Tournament held at Pinegrove School, Dharampur from November 8-10, 2013

The School U-19 Hockey team played friendly matches against YPS, Patiala; SCL Company; Fatehgarh Sahib Academy and Bishop Cotton School

The cricket team also played friendly matches against Mayoor School; Doon School, Dehradun; DPS, RK Puram , Modern School, Barakhamba Road, MNSS,Rai; YPS, Patiala; MCA, Academy; PPS, Nabha (Staff), PCA Academy, St Soldier School, Panchkula and St Stephens School, Chandigarh.

The YPS Football teams also played friendly matches against YPS, Patiala, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, The Punjab Public School, Nabha and The Lawrence School, Sanawar

MY TREKKING EXPERIENCE

Trekking is a time to have fun for the students. This year the boys of four sections of class six went to Kufri.

On the first day, after a seven-hour journey we reached Kufri and had rest. Whenever the in-charge blew a whistle, we had to report outside. I stayed in a six-person tent and had a lot of fun playing cards and dumb-charades with my friend. On the third day, we did 'valley-crossing' and also learnt some ways of tying different types of knots. On the fourth day, the weather was getting bad so we trekked to



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Himri to stay there. There were very large insects there and I was really scared by them. At Himri we played cricket. Although my team lost, we had fun. The next day on the way back we ate at McDonalds.

I had loads of fun with my friends

and am already looking forward to next year's trek. This experience was a truly memorable one and I learnt many things from it, like if you have to stay somewhere rough, you yourself have to tough.

Tanveer Mangat, VI-N

CLASS VIII TREK

YPS provides its students with an opportunity for trekking every year. Though a compulsory activity, we all look forward to it. This year, the children of Class VIII went to Solang Valley for trekking. The trek was for five days, starting on September 28, and on October 2, we returned to Chandigarh with smiles on our faces, eager to meet our families. We woke up early on September 29 and first went for a 9 km uphill trek to the 'Shivlinga' temple. It was rather difficult. I learnt to be with my group without losing my way. As we went up to the temple, the ground got colder and colder, till it got as cold as ice at the temple. As soon as we took off our shoes to enter the temple, our feet froze. I learned that I could face danger with fortitude. In the afternoon we went for river-crossing. The next day too, we had lots of fun and did rappelling and a few other activities.

As we were going for a short trek, one of my friends happened to touch a plant with thorns. His whole hand became inflamed. We helped him to get to the camp doctor and, fortunately, we were in time as when we reached the camp the doctor was about to leave for Manali. In these three days we learnt how to acclimatize within the minimum time at such high altitudes.



Overall, it was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot from it and all the facts and the information I collected has been compiled in a notebook for eternity. These teachings will help me throughout my life and will help me become a better human being.

Ashwin Goel

TREK TO PHA-KONDA

Treks are good for health and help us make new friends, induce qualities of sportsmanship and helpfulness. They help us to find our endurance level and how much we can go beyond that. The annual trekking at YPS is a great way to relax in the lap of nature. Although we have been going for trekking for the past three years, this time it was a new and refreshing experience. Till now we had attended organised camps, everything is pre-arranged by the organizers, but this year the arrangements were done solely by the students and teachers. We trekked with our rucksacks from one place to another.

This year the boys of Classes IX and XI, trekked to Manali and then the Pha-konda peak, on the Banjar hills. We started our journey by bidding goodbye to our parents and the city. It was quite a long journey and it took us about 13 hours to reach Manali. During this time we enjoyed in the bus by playing games, listening to music and singing songs. On the way we saw some great scenery too. We saw the beauty of Himachal and loved Nature's spread. On reaching Manali at about 8 pm we got down at the Mall Road. We trudged uphill to Hotel Sughanda where we stayed the night.



On the morning of 29th September we all woke up early and got ready for the day. We had breakfast and some world-famous Manali apples from a nearby store. After this we were told to enjoy the rest of the day and were to report for lunch at 2 pm. We were permitted to go anywhere after informing our teachers. We went for a walk on the Mall Road and bought some gifts for relatives at home. After lunch we looked around the market and visited a National Forest Reserve nearby.

The next day, i.e. September 30, we were to leave for the base camp of our trek. We woke up at 5am and left at about 7am for the trek. We had a halt in between for breakfast and then continued walking to our base camp. Enroute we visited a temple which, according to local legend, has been visited by the Gods. We finally reached the base camp and were allotted tents.

Next day morning, October 1, we started our main trek to Pha-konda peak. By lunch time we had reached the 1st point, which was

Tilgan. We had packed lunch there and then climbed on. We reached the 2nd and final point, Srotu but had to return quickly to the base camp due to bad weather. The journey back was easier as it was all downhill. Exhausted, we just collapsed in our tents.

On October 2, we started back towards Manali from our base camp. On reaching Manali, we were told to rest and then were free to move about till 7pm and then back to the hotel. We enjoyed late into the night as we did not have to trek the next day. On October 3, we watched a movie. After this we went to the Manali club and Vashisht waterfall. October 4, was our return to Chandigarh which seemed faster than the journey there. We met our parents gave them gifts and told them about the trek.

In the end I would say the trek was a great experience, more so because we were all together.

Jaskirat Singh, IX

CHANDERKHANI PASS

As Yadavindrians we are always up for an adventure and are always willing to prove our potential. With just these objectives twenty girls from class nine went for trekking to Chanderkhani pass. It was an all-in-one trek— not just an adventurous trip but also a journey which strengthened our intellectual growth. New friendship bonds between all of us were made by helping each other during this time which was away from our comfort zone. Besides, we still had a lot of fun singing songs, dancing, playing games, doing photography, cooking and enjoying ourselves to the fullest.

During this 52 kilometer trek we slipped and fell but still courageously stood up and continued with our trek. Even a teacher who accompanied us was severely injured. Although she was in deep pain she still did not lose her courage and completed the trek with us. This was indeed an inspiration for us.

It is through such kind of activities that we realize how beautiful the world is, and it is also a good break from our daily hectic academic schedule. After this exotic trek we are all charged up to study hard for our final exams.

**Raiza Chaudhary
and Jasleen Gill, IX-N**

TREK TO HAMTA PASS

Trekking with a moving camp is always memorable, and for Classes XI and XII especially so, since it is possibly their last trek. So when our group of 24 students

set out for the annual treks, we wanted to make it a trek we wouldn't forget for a long, long time. Even on the bus to Manali we were quite excited and egged our teachers to get going as soon as we could. Despite our pleas, we had to stay one day in Manali as we hired a guide and some transport. To our dismay, there were no mules available so we carried our tents all the way up to the base camp by ourselves, and the mess tent and all the eatables too. On reaching our camping site we flopped our tired bodies into the tents and rested all afternoon.

That night we lay back and looked up at the stars that lit up the sky. With no moon to distract him, Sukirat Sir set up his camera and captured the ethereal beauty. To top it all, we not only saw a satellite crossing the sky, but also two shooting stars! Everybody slept as solidly as logs, and just as contentedly.

We woke up refreshed and ready to take on the Himalayas. Going along the river, we soon crossed the tree line. When our path was blocked by a rivulet, we rolled up

our track pants and waded through the ice-cold water. But after five hours of steady trekking, we had to turn back as dark and heavy clouds loomed around Hamta Pass. Time was the ultimate decider, but we still ensured that we clicked plenty of photos before starting the downward journey. Making use of some quick shortcuts, we were back in time for tea. Dinner was had in front of the bonfire, which was mostly kerosene and cardboard—the logs just simply refused to burn!

Never were we more reluctant to leave such a lovely campsite, but we decided to get a move on anyway. Skidding down the hillside, we reached the Mall Road as tired as Marathon runners. The rest of our time in Manali passed in a whirl as we roamed up and down the Mall, to Old and New Manali, in and out of our rooms... in short, everywhere. The buses were boarded reluctantly, but it was with cherished memories that we came back to Chandigarh.

Siddhartha Yaddnapudi, XII-N





Indian Music Choir

Basketball League Matches began on September 3, 2013 and ended on September 19, 2013.

The IPSC General Knowledge competition exam was conducted for Classes IV and V. Suhel Randhawa - Class V-T and Piyush Dhyani IV-S scored the highest in the exam.

On September 26, 2013, a patka tying and hair braiding activity for the students of the Class IV and V was undertaken—surely a step towards becoming self reliant!

Junior school celebrated Dusshera with much fanfare on October 11, 2013. Bismanjot and Tanisha spoke about the importance of Navratras and Dusshera respectively. This was followed by a mesmerising dance performance by the Indian Dance hobby girls, which held the audience spellbound. The celebrations culminated with a peppy and energetic Dandia performance by the students of Class III.



Fun Games in Progress

Punjabi Inter-Section Group Poetry recitation was held on October 17, 2013 for Class III and it gave the children an opportunity to hone their recitation skills.



The Wizard of Oz

The students of Class V staged the play 'The Wizard of Oz' on October 25, 2013 at the Tagore Theatre and enthralled the audience with their captivating performance.



Sooraj ki Garmi se

A special assembly on Diwali was held on October 29, to mark the "Festival of Lights." The Headmistress addressed the children and motivated them to celebrate eco-sensitive Diwali by minimizing the use of firecrackers and indulging in the joy of sharing and caring, keeping alive the spirit of Diwali. The occasion was made solemn by the

children of Class II performing on the soul stirring bhajan 'Sooraj ki garmi se...' applauded by one and all.

On November 6, 2013, the corridors of the Junior School building came alive with a kaleidoscope of colourful and vibrant Rangoli made by the students. The children showed a lot of ingenuity and along with rangoli colours, used leaves, flower petals and paper to make interesting Rangoli patterns.



Colourful Diwali Rangoli

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on November 13, 2013. A special assembly was organized by the teachers for the children in which teachers presented a comedy skit and the song 'There's a Hero...' was sung by Mrs. Oh and Mr. Seiye inspiring them that each one of them has a Hero in them that makes them special.



Teachers making it special for the children

MY BIRD*Karan Raj Mann V T*

I have a beautiful bird
But she can't speak a single
word
And I have named her Breeze
Because she loves to sit on
trees.

Sometimes she cries,
Because she doesn't know
how to fly
One day, I forgot to give her
food
That day her behaviour became
rude.

Slowly, slowly she is growing tall
I am waiting, when she'll sit on
my terrace wall
Sitting on the wall, she'll chirp
and sing
Then my heart will be full of joy
and swing.

My Stay in the Junior School*Nimisha Singh V O*

I vividly remember the time about
two years back when I entered the
gates of Y.P.S. with my mind full
of apprehensions, heart filled
with hope and joy, and arms full
of new books. It was a time of
mixed feeling because I was a new
student. I was taken in the fold of
the school with open heart right
from day one and I felt an integral
part of the institution.

So much time has passed since
then and I have enjoyed every
minute of it. The annual Y.P.S.
fete, our hobby classes of
Bhangra and Indian Folk Dance,
the trekking trips and the project
display filled me with excitement
and had me asking for more. I
enjoyed the special assemblies
and loved being in the Indian and
Western music choirs. I looked
forward to the celebration of
festivals like Eid, Gurpurab,
Christmas, Diwali and our
national days. I am thoroughly
enjoying the status of being the
senior most class in the Junior
School. Our teachers are always
trying their level best to instill
new ideas, skills and knowledge
in all of us. Each one of them
knows about each one of us so
well. This is amazing.

**BUDDING WRITERS**

We are like one big family here – a
home away from home. The
familiar surroundings give me a
sense of belonging. The thought
of leaving this comfort zone fills
my heart with a sinking sensation.
My experience here has
strengthened me inwardly and
outwardly. My growth curve will
continue to rise as I have had an
excellent starting point. I will
surely miss everyone with whom I
have been associated in these
years.

DIWALI*Divroop IV O*

Diwali is a festival of lights. But
such a festival of happiness and
thanks giving should not be
turned into a celebration of
cruelty, pollution and
destruction. Bursting of crackers
has become an inseparable part
of all celebrations like marriage
procession, winning of cricket
match and religious rallies. But
why are we bent upon digging our
own graves?

Bursting of fire crackers releases
carbon-dioxide, carbon-
monoxide and sulphur-dioxide in
the atmosphere causing serious
health hazards. It also
contributes towards global
warming, affecting our
environment.

Since animals have an acute sense
of hearing than ours, the noise of
crackers has a terrifying effect on
animals like cats, dogs, birds and
squirrels. Many animals are also
injured during this occasion.

Therefore we must all make an

attempt to avoid using fire
crackers and make Diwali an eco
friendly festival.

TREKKING*Esha IV S & Jaivir IV S*

Trekking Trekking Oh my dear!
Don't have fear, we are near.

A night with bonfire,
Marshmallows in the fire,
Thundering wind in the tent,
Sleeping bag in hand.

Switching off the torches at night,
Horror voices from the height,
Getting up with a whistle
Having breakfast with a pickle.

Getting scared of the dark ghosts,
And scorpions at night,
Hugging each other and sleeping
tight.

Trekking, Trekking oh my dear,
We will meet you after a year.

**The Day I was the Class
Monitor***Gurmehar Kamboj III O*

I was so excited to be the class
monitor, that I woke up early
that day and was ready for school
much before time. My mother
was both pleased and surprised.
I could hardly wait to reach school
and wear the Monitor Badge.
Finally I reached school and my
class teacher, Rana Ma'am gave
me the monitor badge. It felt so
nice to stand at the head of the
queue and lead the class. I made
sure that the class was not noisy.
I had to tell a few naughty
children to behave themselves
and not talk loudly. If they did not
listen, I wrote their names in the
note book and gave it to Rana
Ma'am. That made me feel nice
and important. I also liked
distributing the notebooks. At the
end of the day, Rana Ma'am
asked me to return the badge, I
felt proud of the good job I did. I
know someday again, I would get
a chance to be the class monitor
and am looking forward to that
day.

My Dream

Baltej Singh III O

Everybody dreams to become something in life. My dream is to become software engineer. I am very fond of working on computer. Whenever I am free, I spend my time reading Computer books. When I grow up, I will join some computer coaching classes and prepare myself to fulfill my dream. I will learn software programming and go abroad to hone my skills further. My dream is to travel around the world and have the world's most expensive car. And by becoming rich I will also help the poor and needy people.

The Swing

Jasleen Kaur III N

When I move up to the swing,
I love to see the sky.
When I come down,
I can see the butterflies.

When I go high and high,
I reach the birds in the sky.
When I come down,
I can see the green green leaves in front of my eyes.

When I go up again,
I can see the far away wind mills
And I feel I am off towards the hills.

My Trekking Experience

Harseerat Saini V E

On September 29, students of Classes IV and V left for their much awaited treks. We went to Himri. The journey from Mohali to Himri was very long and exciting. On reaching there we ate our lunch and were soon divided into groups of six each. Since it was cloudy we had to sleep in the mess instead of the tents.

Next day we went for a long and refreshing walk. The mountain breeze was cool and laden with oxygen which helped to detox our lungs. Then, after breakfast Class V went for trekking and Class IV

went for rappelling. While we were eating our lunch, the teachers announced that we had to perform a play at night, illustrating a moral.

The third and last day we woke up at 7:30 a.m. got ready, packed our bags and were ready for our last activity, air rifle shooting. After lunch we started our journey back home. I made many new friends and thoroughly enjoyed the trek. I am already looking forward to going trekking next year.

Rangoli Fun in School

Sehaj K. Tiwana IV O

When we went out for our assembly after Diwali Break, Komal Ma'am asked us to make rangolis, I was thrilled. All of my classmates exchanged wonderful ideas. We had lots of fun making it together. We worked as a team and all our teachers liked the Ganesha we made for Rangoli. It was bright and colourful and showed the love with which we made it. After finishing our rangoli, we went around to see what the others had made. Well, I was surprised to see that others were using not only rangoli

colours, but also paints, sparkle dust, crayon shavings, leaves and fresh flowers. The Junior school looked vibrant and wore a festive look with so many colourful rangolis in the corridors. The next morning assembly, Komal Ma'am appreciated the wonderful work done by the children and encouraged us to be more creative and enjoy the festivities with full enthusiasm. I wish we have Rangoli making as a part of Diwali celebrations every year at school.

Gold in the Coal

Navroop Preet Singh V B

Once there lived a boy called Harry. He was very hard working and ambitious. But he belonged to a poor family so he had to work in a coal mine. One day, all the coal in the mine finished and everybody in the mine decided to close it down but Harry kept working everyday. He was mocked upon by the villagers everyday. One day, he found gold in those mines. He took out all the gold with the help of his friends and the villagers. Since then, everybody started respecting and loving Harry and they all lived happily thereafter.



Trekking in the vales of Himachal Pradesh

Tanushri - IV E



The tiny tots were busy preparing for the 9th Annual Song, Rhyme and Dance Day. The Day arrived and our little angels in their colourful attire turned the Kindergarten into a musical delight. With the bright and beautiful backdrop, the show began with the nursery children singing 'the Hello song', 'Clap your hands' and 'Dancing like rock stars'. Their joy knew no bounds as it was their first performance on stage to a houseful audience which was completely mesmerized by the show.

The Lower Kindergarten songs 'Mother Earth' and 'You & Me', and the song 'Love you Papa' filled the hearts of all in the audience with emotion and the angelic voices held them spellbound.

The Upper Kindergarten concluded the program with the famous folk dance of Punjab—the Bhangra. The colourful costumes, the lively music, and most of all, the innocent faces enthralled one and all. The audience was captivated by their performance.

Children's Day was celebrated with great zest. It was an absolute joy to watch the children participate enthusiastically in the fun games organized for them.

The Kindergarten children are now geared up for the Busy Hands Exhibition, the last function for the year, where their creative skills will be showcased for the parents.



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