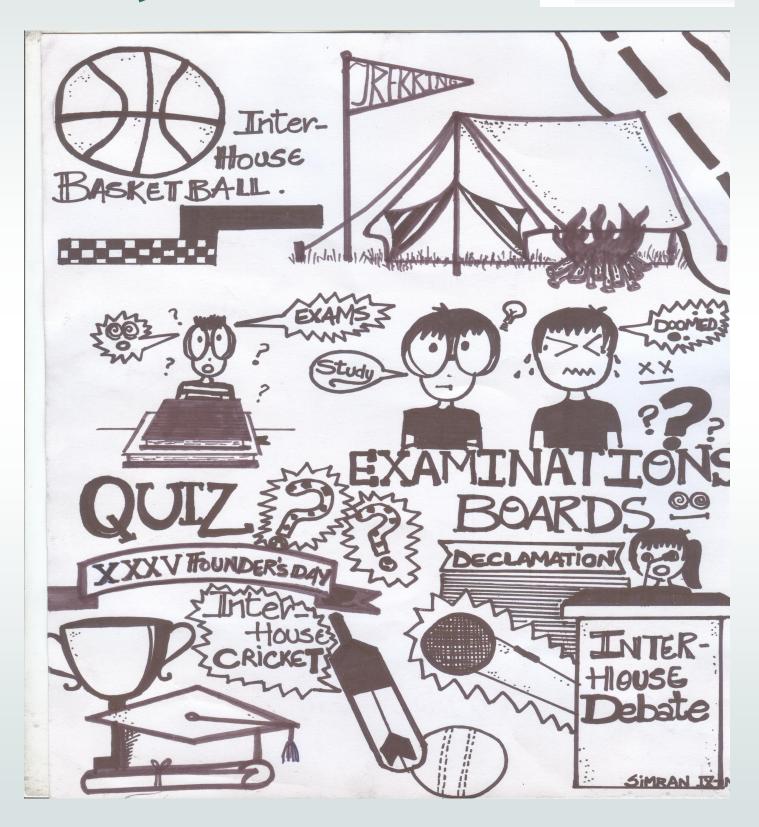
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EDITORIAL

"Exams"—the single word has the ability to evoke a mixture of feelings. While people mostly associate it with stress and anxiety, for the well-prepared (and in the minds of the completely unprepared) they are a cakewalk. Regardless of the degree preparation, they are always a strain and the one common denominator for evervone is the relief when they are over. So, first of all I would like to congratulate all the readers on successfully making it through another set of Mid-Term examinations and hope that you make judicious use of the exhilarating and exonerating freedom you have just found. On a more serious note. I hope that the results of the mid-term examinations reflect

all of your efforts and hard work.

Although the exams didn't pass by in a breeze, the second term most certainly seems to have. The preparations for the Founder's Day kept everyone on their toes. However, the effort was well worth the result. The school as a whole can be proud of the unprecedented scale of student participation, as they took it upon themselves to ensure that the Founder's Day truly reflected the best of our school. The presence of the Chief Guest, General Rajat Bakshi and his aide-de-camp Ganeve Lalji (the first female officer of the Indian Army to be appointed on the post) was indeed an inspiration for us students.

With summers around the corner, I hope that all Yadavindrians are aware of the multitude of opportunities that await them. From planned activities, such as the annual school trek and the photography trip to Leh, to several unplanned ones. the possibilities are endless. My advice to all of you is that don't let the sweltering heat boo you down and in true Yadavindrians spirit make the best of your time and capabilities. Most importantly, don't forget to have fun in the sun, because the memories you make now will last forever—run through sprinklers, fly kites, eat 'kulfis', pursue a hobby, and remember to do all things you wanted to do when you were busy studying for your examinations and forgot as soon as they were over. Have a great summer everyone!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Keeping in line with the aim of familiarizing children with diverse cultures and traditions,



the Special Class Assemblies continued to showcase days of global relevance and unity. The Term began with a wonderful presentation on April 18, 2014, by Class VI-E on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The children brought alive the meaning behind the observance of Good Friday and why Easter is an important celebration, not just for Christians, but for humanity.

VI-O presented a meaningful enactment on Earth Day on April 25, 2014, where the Earth was shown as dying and sick due to pollution and misuse of her resources. They educated the school on what we can do as individuals to help the environment.

A special assembly was also conducted on the occasion of Shakespeare's 450th birthday. A presentation was shown to the entire school in the Gym Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aitchison College Lahore

A team of six students from Classes VI-VIII took part in the All Pakistan Inter-School English and Urdu Declamation, Quiz and Art Competition, held at Aitchison College Preparatory School, Lahore, from March 28-30, 2014. Mankeerat Narang won the first prize for land-scapes and Azamvir Brar won the second prize for still-life. The team also won the over-all Art Trophy.

The Declamation team also brought laurels to the school with Angad Mangat winning the first prize in the serious category and Tanay Gopal winning the second prize in the humorous category.

The quiz team of Reet Maggo and Tanveer Singh Mangat came 4th.

The Daly College Inter School Quiz and English Declamation

A team comprising Sajneet Mangat (IX-E) and Pranav Raj (IX-S) participated in an English Debate competition held at Daly College, Indore from April 13-15, 2014. They made it to the finals. In the Quiz Competition the team of Upamanyu Yaddanapudi (IX-S) and Aditya Jain (IX-S) achieved the 2nd position and were also awarded the overall trophy for Quiz.

Bournvita Quiz Contest

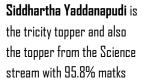
Ten students from school took part in the Bournvita Quiz Competition, held in Chandigarh on May 5, 2014. The team of Tanay Gopal (VIII-E) and Jaskaran Singh (VIII-E) were declared the winners of the City Finals and will now compete in the semi-finals which will be held zone wise.

The individual positions were: Gandharv Thakur (VII-N): Ist, Reet Maggo (VII-N): 2nd, Zea Gill (VI-S): 3rd, Ramneekjot Kaur (VI-E) and Tanveer Mangat (VII-N): Consolation prizes



ISC RESULTS, 2014

Our outgoing Class XII brought laurels to the school with the toppers in all three streams being from YPS.







Simrata Grewal came
2nd in the tricity and also
topped the Commerce
stream with 93.75%

Priya Ahluwalia topped the Humanities stream with 91.5%.



EARTH DAY

How each one of us can make a difference



April 22, 2014—a pigeon flew into X-N and injured its wing on the fan. The terrified bird would flap its wings and try to fly every time anyone tried to get close, aggravating its injury. A group of students—Avaninder, Uday, Arpan and Tanveer, with the help of a teacher managed to catch the bird and take it to the school medical room where timely help and medical intervention saved its life. The hero of the day was Uday Veer Singh, who not only held the bird through all its struggles while its wing was splinted and

bound, but also carried it to the local SPCA, in Sector 38 West. Sadly, the wing had to be amputated, but the bird found help and a home where it would be safe from predators.

What we can do:

Please keep the net screens on the windows closed so that such accidents do not happen again. Do be compassionate. Get help from an adult if needed.

Do not let ignorance get in the way of helping God's creatures. Sadly, a bat that made the same mistake as the pigeon was beaten to death with a hockey stick just days after Earth Day. It's fault? People were under the misconception that it would suck their blood, or cling to their hair for life. Please read up on animals, or watch the Nature channels on TV. You will realize that the animals want to stay away from you far more than you want them to. Allow them that opportunity by not encroaching on their territory.

LABOUR DAY



The first of May marks Labour Day, and as the world celebrates the contribution of the working masses, YPS does not lag behind.

In YPS, it is a day for us to take out time from our busy schedules and appreciate the efforts of our Class IV employees, who not only ensure the smooth sailing of our school, but also stand as the spine behind it all.

This year the entire Prefect's Council, along with teachers of the Junior and Senior School, got together to arrange a day of fun and activities for the employees that would prove to be both special and memorable.

A variety of games such as Musical Chairs, Tug-of-War, and a twist to the classic Lemon & Spoon Race (with potatoes instead of lemons) were organised. Time flew by fast as everyone had fun, and prizes were given to the winners. The Principal delivered a speech in appreciation of the entire work force present. They also received special

gifts - tokens of our gratitude.

Following this, everyone was taken to the library where there was a special screening of the movie 'Bhootnath Returns'. Meanwhile, the Prefect's Council and teachers rolled up their sleeves and got to work in the kitchen, preparing their meal. The festivities concluded after the meal, and everyone left with a feeling of having bonded well with each other.

(By Gursaya Grewal, XII-N)





BUDDING WRITERS

'THE FAMISHED WITCH'

by Reet Maggo, VII-N

A girl once came to my house, Whom nobody could see. I was shocked when she told me, A wicked witch was she.

I laughed; I jumped and made fun of her, Stunned as one could be. How could she be a witch? 'Coz she was as small as me!

She asked for some food, And said that she was famished. I gave her some, she ate it all, Then suddenly she vanished.

By then I knew she was a witch, No, actually a dwarf. Or she could turn to anything, Even a rabbit or a calf.

A FRIENDLY AND NONSENSE TALK

by Tanveer Singh Mangat, VII-N

Who knows what's ticking in your mind? You were watching the match yesterday. So is it the 'idea' ad from last night?

You might have become a pro on 'Clash of Clans'. But your group needs a quintal of taming. Because I just saw your character gobble up my man.

Today I want you to give me back my ball. I just hope it's in one piece right now, After it's done breaking all windows of the hall.

Have you completed season 3 of Asphalt 8: airborne? I think I have learnt the technique to do it.

All you have to do is jump immediately when you hear the

Why am I getting that tingling and funny sensation, That all I've talked is balderdash?
I just hope this was overall, a healthy conversation.

EXAM WOES

Agampreet, Zea and Shreya, VI-S

Exams are totally the worst
They feel like we have been cursed
When our mother tells us to come first
We say "We'll try our best", but don't force.

The math exam is really bad It always makes us sad And when we get bad marks Our mothers complain to dad

To solve science questions
We have to be smart
Because they are very tough
And we take them to heart

Exams are so bad

We want to bang our heads
against the wall

Sometimes we are so angry

We'd even break our favourite
doll

Let's find the person who has made exams And throw him into the electricity dam

The time has passed
To prepare for the test
We will take the exam
And give it our best

RUMORS gossiping

By Upamanayu Yaddanapudi (Based on Mr Rakshit Tandon's workshop and information on the Cyber Crime Prevention Cell of the Chandigarh Police website)

Cyber-bullying Don'ts

CYBER BULLYING

Do not give anyone any personal information, or anything that could be used against you, unless you completely trust him.

who are less emotionally stable than adults.

Cyber-bullying or bullying a person on the internet, in today's increasingly online world, is a bigger problem than ever. The targets are mostly children

Do not arrange to meet with someone you know online without checking with your parents.

Do not respond to messages that make you feel uncomfortable.

Do not provoke anyone online.

Don't respond to the bully's messages or posts, even if they are lies. Instead, save the evidence of the bullying and report it to a trusted adult. Do not feel bad or ashamed about being bullied - it is not your fault at all.

Do not dwell upon the bullying and think positive thoughts. If it troubles you too much, try to talk to a parent, elder or counsellor and share your feelings.

Do not give the bully the satisfaction of knowing that you feel sad and frustrated. You can deal with the stress by exercising and working off you anger, or by doing things you like to do such as playing sports or hanging out with friends.

Cyber Bullying Do's:

Re aware of the internet

Report any threats or inappropriate messages to your online service and to the police.

Block communication from the cyberbully.

Most of all, stay alert and remember that people you are talking to may not be who they say they are.

Keep reporting such incidents every time they happen.

Take a break from the Internet, and find a new interest or hobby.

Most of all, try and be positive and happy.

"To catch the reader's attention. place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."



Junior School Buzz...

The night-outs, where Class IV and V children had to spend a night on the school campus, were a huge success. Children enjoyed a lot and barely slept. Excited to be away from home and with their friends, they made the best of their time. It is a wonderful way to prepare them for the upcoming treks while teaching them independence at the same time.

The colours of Holi came alive in a dance performance by the children of Classes II-E and II-D in a Special Assembly, organized for the occasion.

A Thematic Assembly on "Aquatic World" was put up by the children of Class III showcasing marine life in a creative display of song and dance.

In achievements beyond school, Parul Srivastava of Class IV-T made the school proud by securing the first position in Punjab in the NSTSE Level-I examination.

Two students of Class IV-T— Kabir Singh Bal and Parul Srivastava brought laurels to school by passing the Piano Exam, organised by Trinity College, London, in Grade 1 and Grade 2 respectively.

YPS celebrated its 35th Founder's Day on April 9, 2014. The Junior School contributed to the celebrations with an integrated display of

song and dance that saw the entire school working in tandem for the first time. The Junior School Report was read by the Head Boy Aarav Bhardwaj and Head Girl Kritika Dudpuri. The Indian and Western Music Choir enthralled the audience with the soulful rendition of songs 'Aashayein' and 'World's Greatest.'

The children of Classes IV and V sweated it out in the Cricket League matches played on the expansive YPS grounds, enjoying the gentleman's game.

To celebrate the festival of Easter, the Western Music Choir comprising of the children of Classes IV and V reverently sang the song "All in All."

The English Poetry Recitation competition for Class III gave an opportunity to the children to hone and display their poetry recitation skills.

The Inter-House Punjabi Poetry Recitation Competition was a platform for the students of Classes IV and V to demonstrate their Punjabi poetry recitation skills.

To the delight of book lovers, two book fairs were organized during this term—one by Book Tractor and the second by Scholastic. Even parents were seen browsing through the collections on display.









A CURIOUS TOWN

I went for a journey, To a curious town called Oz. It took about a day to reach, And I was surprised to see, What it was!

Everything there was so queer, That I instantly lost my cheer, I was shocked to see the lions being pets, And the cow being the queen, Donkeys driving taxis and the roads made of aold!

Then appeared the weirdest animal, Which I had never seen... I guess he was the King who had a big knife!

Everything there was so scary... I was longing to see a human, But it was all a waste.... I realized it was the world of animals And soon I could be in a cage!

Ebrahim (5-N)

MY MOTHER

My mother is the best. She never takes rest.

She helps me, With whatever I need.

Whenever I am hungry, She gives me eats, She gives me blessings, And promises she keeps,

She takes care of me. Whenever I am down. I love my mother, She is my life's crown!

Jasleen (4-N)

SPRING

Spring has come, The weather is pleasant. Flowers are blooming And I can see greenery everywhere.

I can hear the birds singing aloud, And see the colourful butterflies. The sun is shining in the clear blue sky And its all bright and warm.

Ashmita (4-N)

FINAL EXAMS

Teacher, Teacher, Oh my dear, Our final exams are right here, Don't stop the tuition, Or else we can not hear.

My bag is near, I'm full of fear With a string of tears, At the end of the year!

Math is a difficult subject,

This has daring objects! English is a literary subject, Having the funniest language instead.

Today is the result day, With hope or luck, I shall pass, I dare say!

Esha (5-S), Jaiveer (7-S)

MY FIRST POEM

I was a naughty boy, But now I'm good. To make that sure. I read good books.

I make Hema Ma'am Smile. For that I'm ready to run a mile.

I hope she is happy and glad, And after listening to my poem, She says, "Sidak not bad."

Sidak Singh Sandhu (1-0)

FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE OF SINGING IN A CHOIR

Singing for the first time in the chair for the Founder's Day. Made my personality higher, Standing in the first line with the mike, Made me wiser!

We wore black dresses and colourful scarves... Bows to make us go...we were getting ready for our show. One hour before.. We got our snacks. And the teachers on duty, Putting the makeup packs!

When I went on stage. I suddenly heard "Oh!" It was Ebrahim who said, "I have been bitten by a mosquito!" We all had our show and we were happy, They all cheered for our songs, And we had a party!

Jasleen Kaur (5-E)

AMAZING FACTS

Ebrahim (V-N)

- 1. A ribbon worm will eat themselves if they cannot find food. They can still survive after eating 95% of their body weight!
- 2. It has been calculated that a single breath from a mature blue whale can inflate up to 2000 balloons!
- 3. Smiling releases endorphins in the body which make people feel better!
- 4. There are 3900 islands in the country Japan, called the "Country of Islands"!
- 5. You forget 80 % of what you learn each day!
- 6. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump!

Anahat Kaur (V-E)

- 1. Ducks do not have blood vessels, nerves in their feet!
- 2. The Blue whale is bigger than any known dinosaur!
- 3. Humming Birds can assess the amount of sugar in a flower's nectar and will reject those that aren't at least 12% sugar!
- 4. The Hippopotamus is more closely related to whales and tortoises than it is to other land animals!
- 5. Kangaroos have some funny names. Males are called 'boomers, bucks or old men.' Females are known as 'flyers, jills or does'. Young kangaroos are known as 'joeys'!

Shivek Arora (V-E)

- 1. Ostriches can run faster than the horses, and the male ostriches can roar like lions!
- 2. Honey bees dance to communicate with each other!
- 3. More than 30 species of dolphins swim in the world's rivers and oceans!
- 4. Unlike cats, lions are excellent swimmers!

MY GRANDFATHER

Ruhani (V-S) has recently lost her Great Grandfather. This is a small tribute to him with her sincere emotions revealing her attachment to him.

My great grandfather's name was Sh. Sardara Singh Bains. He expired on 3rd February this year. He was in the hospital. He died of chest congestion in the I.C.U. He went up happily. He died at II:00 PM. He loved all his family members. He did not eat chicken or meat. He also did not drink tea and alcohol. He was a good soul. He was a great man and a great officer. He was very intelligent. He loved all the people. He was also very strict. He was very strong. He was cremated on 6th February. We went to Kiratpur Sahib to immerse his ashes. He loved to read. newspapers. He was the best grandfather for me.

May his soul rest in peace.



All Pakistan Inter-School English and Urdu Declamation, Quiz and Art Competition

By Reet Maggo and Tanveer Magat, VII-N

Trips are the best learning experiences of life which teach us to handle situations in life.

A team comprising Reet, Mankeerat Narang, Azamveer Brar, Tanveer Mangat, Tanay Gopal and Angad Mangat of Classes VII and VIII went to Aitchison College, Lahore, for a GK quiz, art competition and English declamation. Our school won the first and second prizes in art and the first prize in the English declamation. We also won the team trophy for art. We came fourth in GK quiz.

Spread over 200 acres, Aitchison College is one of Pakistan's largest educational institutes. On first setting eyes on the beautiful architecture and lovely green grounds, we were left speechless.

We were also given a feel of true Punjabi hospitality. The boundaries did not seem to exist as the friendship between the two schools was displayed through the way we were treated—like royalty.

Besides the competitions, we learnt much about Lahore and the experience of this beautiful city, also known as 'The Walled City' was unforgettable.

Lahore has many beautiful monuments to see and places to visit and we managed to see some of them too.

Lahore Zoo. It is one of the largest zoos in South Asia. Today, the beautiful zoo houses a collection of about 1380 animals of 136 species.

Minar -E-Pakistan. Minar-e-Pakistan is a public monument and is located in Igbal Park in Lahore.

We also saw the Lahore Fort, Lahore Minar, and the Ranjit Singh Samadhi

We would never forget this wonderful experience as the innumerable activities and competitions built a team spirit. Winning makes people glow in the realisation that their hard work has got them so far while losing makes them learn ways to better themselves to the point of excelling. So we all must try to participate in more competitions without thinking about winning or losing.

A Visit to the Botanical Garden

By Gurnehmat Kaur Dhindsa (VIII-E)

All the students of Class VIII visited the PN Mehra Botanic Garden, situated in Sector 14, Chandigarh, on March 12, 2014. It took us about 45 minutes to reach there.

The Garden is huge, spread over 176 acres. It is connected with the forest, Patiala-ki-Rao, which is a nature reserve and is spread over 350 acres. The garden houses more than a 1,000 plant varieties including some rare species brought from far-fetched areas of the country.

After some time of walking we reached a place where we saw a small museum. Inside the museum were a lot of interesting turbines that generated hydro-energy. We saw many other interesting things too including a solar-cooker and other things that generated hydroelectricity.

Outside the museum there were many solar panels and a small water body. We ate our lunch and snacks there. After an hour, or so, we were again told to walk on. On the way we saw many fragrant flowers and different types of aquatic plants. After a long walk we stopped and sat under a shed. Then we rested for 2-3 hours and enjoyed watching the beautiful trees and plants and a windmill. It was all a lot of fun. We came back to school at 4 pm.









YPS 35th Founder's Day Celebrations

Founder's day is an important day in the school calendar when the entire school community gathers to commemorate those who founded the school, and have contributed to its development. It is an event that celebrates our legacy and looks forward to our continued development as a voice in the region that speaks for children.

The 35th Founder's Day celebrations were held on April 9, 2014. We were honoured to have Lt. Gen. Rajan Bakshi, the Army Commander of the Indian Army's Central Command, as our Chief Guest.

The academic procession led the Chief Guest to the venue. The celebrations commenced with a beautiful 'shabad' sung by the Indian Music choir of the senior school.

YPS has a tradition of the students presenting the report for the previous year's activities. Keeping with this tradition the Head Girl, Beeban Rai, and the Head Boy, Abhimanyu Mann, highlighted the achievements of 2013. The Junior School report was presented by the Junior School Head Boy, Aarav Bhardwaj and the Head Girl of the Junior School, Kritika Dudpuri. The co-curricular report was presented by Kajal Sharma and Shaurya Dhawan, the Co-curricular Captains of the school. This was followed by the Environment Report by Huijin Jang, the Deputy Head Girl. The Sports Report and Boarding House reports were presented by Himmat Tiwana, the Deputy Head Boy.

Normally it is the Chief Guest who speaks the words of wisdom but this year the principal, Mr Devgan too taught a lesson to students and parents alike. He said that parents should guide, council, and love their children so that they change their values and become better human beings. After the principal's speech, the chief guest gave away the awards for the year 2013. Gen Bakshi then addressed the audience. He talked about the importance of holistic development and added that he believed that Yadavindrians are outstanding models of the society and can serve the nation as great human beings. He motivated us to think positively, think big but with our feet on the ground so as to become ideal humans. "With the will to win you can simply not lose, but if you do so you win in losing", said Mr. Bakshi. He talked about the army being "gentleman's work" and quoted various examples from his own experiences where army men laid down their lives for their motherland.

There followed a wonderful mix of song and dance, colour and life as the Senior and Junior school together presented a variety of songs and dances. The highlight of the evening was the contemporary dance, beautifully choreographed by Mr Akshay Sharma and the medley of folk dances choreographed by Mrs Mamta.

The function was a huge success and was highly appreciated by all.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT

Amazing April witnessed the students participating in enthralling activities. The students threaded beads, enhancing their hand-eye coordination. The concept of empty and full saw the little ones in the sandpit, all excited about using their shovels. 'H' hippo paper plates unleashed their creative best.

Baisakhi was celebrated with a visit to the gurudwara. Students from LKG and UKG also learned about the harvesting of golden wheat. The entire KG block sang'Aayi Baisakhi' at the morning assembly.

Having witnessed the harvesting, the LKG students learnt how the golden

seeds change into a chappati. They sifted wheat flour, kneaded the dough, rolled and patted it, and then made chappaties. All this fun also served as a good exercise for healthy motor control.

UKG children learnt to beat the summer heat by making lemonade. Litres of yummy lemonade was consumed in no time.

Healthy eating habiots were reinforced when vegetable sandwiches were made by the UKG children. Different vegetables were used to make nutritious sandwiches which were relished by the children.



SPORTS NEWS

The Inter-House Basketball Tournament was held in April 2014. The House positions were as follows:

U-14: Nalagarh House: 1st, Tagore House: 2nd, Aitchison House: 3rd, Patiala House: 4th and Ranjit House: 5th.

Above 14: Aitchison House: 1st Tagore House: 2nd, Ranjit House: 3rd, Patiala House: 4th, and Nalagarh House: 5th

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

YPS took part in The Doon Inter-School Junior Cricket Tournament 2014 held at Doon School, Dehradun, from March 4-8, 2014. They won the Runners-Up Trophy. Vipanjot was declared the player of the tournament.

The YPS school cricket team took part in the 12th Maharaja Madhav Rao Memorial Cricket Tournament held at Scindia School, Gwalior, from March 27-31, 2014. They reached the semi finals and came 3rd in the tournament.

YPS Mohali hosted the 1st Amanjit Memorial Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament from April 10-12, 2014.

YPS Mohali lifted the trophy. Arunam Prasad from YPS was declared the best bowler and Jaskaran singh, also from our school was declared the player of the tournament.

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Inter-House Literary Competition for Classes VIII and IX took place on March 5, 2014. The House Positions were as follows:

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

The Inter-House Hindi/ Puniabi Poetry Competition for Classes VI and VII was held on March 12, 2014. The House positions were as follows:

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

The Inter-House G.K. quiz for Classes VIII and IX took place on March 19, 2014. The House positions were as follows:

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

The Inter-House Hindi/Punjabi Declamation Competition for Classes VIII and IX was held on April 2, 2014. Patiala House came first, with Aitchison House, Tagore House, Nalagarh House and Ranjit House taking the 2nd to 5th place respectively.

The Inter-House Maths Olympiad for Classes VI-VII was held on April 16, 2014. Ranjit House came 1st, with Tagore House, Aitchison House, Nalagarh House and Patiala House getting the 2^{nd} to 5^{th} positions respectively.

The Inter-House English Debate Competition for Classes VIII and IX was held on May2, 2014. Patiala House came 1st, followed by Ranjit House, Aitchison House, Tagore House and Nalagarh House. The individual positions went to Pranav Raj: 1st, Angad Mangat: 2nd and Prabhmeh Sandhu: 3rd

The 10th International Informatics Olympiad 2013

Results were declared in March 2014, and Saksham Jain and Pavit Singh were both awarded the Gold medal, while Devanshu Dhawan got the silver and Bismaniot Kaur got the bronze.

