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Bidding Adieu

To a school of many wonders and experiences galore

school - the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

A rollercoaster of life

The cohesiveness of classmates

The Random Acts of Kindness

Friends no less than family

The occasional

The joy of free lessons

The fun and learning in class

The Art Room - heaven of one's soul

Discovering one's passion

The lovely teachers

- Sanya Arora XII-N



Bidding Adieu..

When we were planning this issue, what really struck me hard was the fact that this would be the last issue I'd be a part of, the last issue of the newsletter to have my illustrations, and the last issue which will bear my editorial. I will never forget these wonderful experiences, in fact I'll cherish them forever! I know, this is a very clichéd line, but it is so because everyone feels the same way about certain experiences! From grade I to grade XII, school has been a real rollercoaster of life. It's actually, the only life we've ever known!

I could probably go on about how amazing these 12 years have been, but it's not really anymore about me, it's about you! These 12 years of fun, friendship, laughter, are never coming back. These years of hundreds and thousands of opportunities are not going to be there later! And the sad part is that we realize all this only after these 12 years have gone by. If it were up to me, I would go back in time and grab every opportunity I missed, all the co-curricular activities I didn't take part in, the sports I could've tried and how I could've done better in certain exams. But sadly, we all know, that's not possible. So learn from our mistakes and shortcomings and discover your true potential.

Let's not talk about the orthodox view of how school is just to get good marks

and pass. Let's talk about a holistic development. As I said, discover your potential! You like writing? Write! Contribute to the Oracle! We are hungry for creative writing! You like drawing? Draw whatever you like and share it across various platforms! Into sports? Invest your time to increase your stamina and performing better! And these, are just a few of the many things that are within you, waiting eagerly to be discovered! Excel in what you are passionate about and develop skills in areas where you're weak. School is the right time to experiment in such things! Don't fear mistakes, don't fear embarrassment. Just believe in yourself and nothing else!

This issue of the Oracle, focuses on the numerous events that have taken place this term, from the cross country, to Symphony, and to the athletic meet. We've also highlighted a few experiences of grade XII students on leaving school. I hope we can inspire you and instill the same feelings in you!

"They say it's hard to bid adieu,
I can only agree it's true,
But it won't keep me from seeing you,
In another time, a place new,
But for now, I can only say,
Adieu!"

Sanya Arora
Editor-in-Chief

HOWLERS "It's not a fact, its a true fact."
"Whatever you left with, you remain with that."
"Tomorrow is the last and deadline."
"I have a damn lesson!"
"Can you move while walking?"
"I wonder, it's the wrong answer."
"It's a direct question inbuilt in your books."
"How can even you think of?!"
"The but is very crucial."

HOWLERS "Im not speaking louder enough."
"I'll tell where peoples does the mistakes"
"Light and speed travel at different sounds."
"Oh, so you went to Jaipur? Why did you come back? You should've stayed there."
[in assembly]...and now Pranav will speak the constitution.
Teacher: "Really, you have wax in your ears."
Student to friend: "Tomorrow's the listening test yaar, get waxing done."
"I am a very misconception."

Farewell...

"No one is perfect and that is why pencils have erasers.."

'Schools are training grounds for students' is something I have learnt in 14 years and 6 different schools! One thing that was certainly common in all the schools I've been a part of is, that they don't make you 'PERFECT', rather they teach you how to rectify your mistakes.

I will always remember YPS as a school which taught me that making mistakes was a part of life. While I was always termed as the 'new student' in all my previous schools and denied the opportunity to showcase my aptitude through a better platform; YPS has given me the chance to show what I was capable of. This school makes you bring out the best in you and gives you the taste of success.

Hailing from an army background, I've learnt to acclimatise to new surroundings, but what YPS has taught me is even worthier. It has taught me to take a stand, make my own decision and most importantly to have faith and confidence in my own abilities.

Reminiscing the tiniest details of the two years that went past in a jiffy, I realise how much I've grown as a person in this school. I'd like to thank everyone who's been a part of YPS, for it was all of them who've played their respective roles to mould a better me.

Signing off,

Siddharth Kabir Singh
Editor

Saying Goodbye

Winnie The Pooh's famous quote goes something like this: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!" It is nearing the time to say goodbye to the current Class XII batch. Saying goodbye to a place that has seen you grow, and which has been associated with many loving memories is very hard, but all the same, goodbye is not the end. It is the beginning of a new life.

"YPS has been one of the most amazing things that has ever happened to me. It's been a roller coaster- a ride of my life that I have loved with all my heart. It's definitely hard for me to leave. I cried when I joined this school, and now that I am leaving, I am crying yet again."

Mannik Singh

"YPS has been my second home for twelve years. Leaving it will definitely be hard!"

Avinash Sidhu

"YPS, My home for the past twelve years. The whole gamut of emotions which fill me when I'm saying this makes me wonder what I'm saying. So long! GGWP"

Bhaskar Datta

"Twelve years! I mean, that's a lot! YPS has been my life for these years! Cliched, eh?"

Lovneet Bhatt

"Leaving YPS is like leaving a part of my soul behind. It's been a heartwarming journey which has thrilled me. I'll always remember the excitement and fun of this place!"

Siddharth Kabir

"Studying in YPS has been the best 6 years of my life! From class jokes to secrets to code names, it'll be really hard to leave YPS. It's our second home!"

Komal Singh

Ria Khurana (VII-S) & Ebrahim Hassan Sofi (VI-N)

Yadavindrians Shine at Shivalik School

A group of 90 students participated in a function organised by Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. at Shivalik Public School Mohali on Energy conservation day. Amoldeep Singh of 8- O came first in the declamation, and the team comprising of Tanay Gopal and Parth Rawat won the first prize in the science projects category. The skit, choir and bhanga were invited to performed on invitation and were highly appreciated.

NCC Camp

Where 49 students of our school attended a ten day long camp at the National Cadet Corps base in Ropar. I had a wonderful time, gaining knowledge of things unknown and an exposure I feel very lucky to have had.

Our day in the camp began with PT in the morning, for which we had to wake up at 4 am. This was followed by breakfast and then drills, in which we learned the proper way to march for parade. Then we attended different lessons on map reading, first aid and rifles. This was followed by lunch and then games. At the end of each day, we had our cultural programme, in which we danced, sang, and acted. This was the time and place where most of the memories were made. We also had many other activities like rifle shooting and obstacles. On the last day we had a march past competition too. This camp taught me many things, most importantly discipline, unity and survival.

But the overall experience was so surreal that I didn't want to return to school. It was an experience of a lifetime which toughened us a lot. We also made many new friends during our fascinating stay there. We learnt to put up with people of different backgrounds and states. It was a really nice experience and made the army sound really fun. I look forward to going to another camp whenever I get the chance.

Anshnoor Kaur IX-E

Boarding House Trek

A group of 15 boarders geared up for the marvellous adventure visiting the Shivalik range's highest peak, Churdar.

We settled at Noradhar, for the day. In the morning, at about six, we began our trek accompanied by Mr. Jagtar and Mr. Ajay. Soon we entered the jungle and came to learn about various animals like the mountain bear "The Chaapal" and shared stories about 'dacoits'.

Leaving the jungle far behind, we entered a valley and saw the breath-taking view of the ice-caps of the Rohtang Pass. While climbing, it was really sad to see pollution over the mountains but the clean and green nature around, comforted us.

We were 1.2 Km above the sea level and had already crossed the 18 Km track but had to go just 1 Km more to reach the peak. A few of us stayed back, but the others climbed up to the huge statue of Lord Mahavira.

After coming down from the mountain we went to the temple where we had our lunch, refilled our water bottles and we rested for 10 minutes. After which we came down.

Finally we completed our 38 Km long trek. We looked back and asked ourselves if we had actually done that!

THINGS WE ALL

When the original answer you wrote on your test was right and you cut it and wrote something else

When you open a pack of chips--suddenly everyone wants to be your best friend

Acting like you're on official work when a teacher passes by

When you think of all the cool things you could've said in an argument

Having your hand up in the dining hall for 3 minutes and then finally giving up

HAVE DONE

Try to open a bottle of Coke quietly

Launch the cap of your pen with your thumb

Laugh uncontrollably during your friend's reading test

Get so interested in your box of popcorn during romantic scenes

Vent your anger at the prime minister after a bad day

Closely observe someone, waiting for him or her to do something funny

Symphony

Music of the Spheres

"Symphony – Music of the Spheres", a Festival of Dance and Music was held in school

The festival was non – competitive in nature and five schools participated in this event. They were The British Co-ed High School, Patiala; St. Stephens School, Chandigarh; St. Xaviers High School, Panchkula; Yadavindra Public School, Patiala; and Yadavindra Public School, Mohali. Every school put up remarkable performances.

The teachers and students alike put in tremendous efforts to make this event a successful one. We look forward to more years of this festival with greater participation, greater performances and lots more fun!



Bhangra



The School Choir



The Headmaster with the Guest of Honour
Mr. H. Carver, Director, St. Stephens School
and Mrs. Rosa Kucharskyj, Principal British Coed High School, Patiala



The Goan Dance



The Kathak Dance

Imagination, Lost....

It took an Einstein to discover that time is relative, it took a Newton to realize that what goes up must come down and it took just one ability of such individuals to influence our lives in today's world. That one ability is imagination.

The system has become so condensed that there is no space for a child's imagination to flourish. Children are sadistically just writing a textbook on their answer sheets. They read information as a supply of financial gain, not as a supply of exploration that it really is. Part of the blame goes to the elders here, who unknowingly, force the child to cram up the books so as to induce sensible grades. Part of it goes to the various schools across our nation, which feed specific answers to the young minds, and limit them to that extent.

Today's generation has become too conditioned to think out of the box. During an analysis by Kyung Hee Kim, a creativity researcher at the College of William and Mary, it was found that the children have become less imaginative over the past few decades by analyzing the Torrance tests [Standardized creativity tests] dating back to the 70's. This shows how we have evolved from being Homo Sapiens to Pavlov's dogs. A major role in this transformation is played by the television, which ironically is also a child of imagination. The viewing of television has constricted a child's fantasies to a rectangular box because whenever the child views it, he gets compelled to consider what a dragon looks like because it is simply provided in front of his eyes. By this, we are not nurturing creators, but only manufacturing consumers.

Before the origin of electronic mediums of diversion, we had books. Books helped us make our own world through the words of the author. They helped us imagine the worlds that didn't exist and in turn gave us some of the the most influential inventions of all time.

Giving kids freedom over their work is crucial. For instance, do not force a yellow spot drawn by them on a page to be a sun. Additionally Keeping youngsters involved with nature helps to ignite their imagination . The habit of book reading makes the kid marvel about the characters, their traits and their surroundings. All these will help the child grow mentally, as well as emotionally. It is important to note that income can be generated by many ways, but history can be made with only influential ideas.

It is as Einstein himself puts it, "Logic will get you from A to Z, Imagination would get you everywhere."

Atharv Sharma

Living in another Realm

I zone out often, like many others with short attention spans, only to be snapped back to reality by the confused people around me. I step into a world cut off from the real and start to imagine bizarre situations much like me dancing to 'Lean on' on top of a flying bottle of mango juice while Rajdeep Ma'am assigns us the editorial deadlines. The embarrassment of being called back to Earth might not be as mortifying, the after-images of the reverie still lingering in your mind. This phenomenon of mind-wandering can either be constructive or extremely dangerous---although teachers never excuse you for looking lazily out of the window. We start to wonder, ponder and think about things we might be doing in the distant future or simply if we existed in the world of the Maze Runner. But thinking about your Phd in Physics five years from now when you're crossing the road---you might as well not live to see it. Some do associate drifting attention with rapid brain signals and imagination, but most of us consider 'not paying attention' an act of mere carelessness. Mind-wandering according to leading psychologist, Jonathan Schooler at the UC Santa Barbara, are of two types-- mind wandering when you are aware that you're thinking about something else and mind wandering without awareness. The latter, we know better as 'zoning out'. When we zone out, all connection between the external and internal worlds as we know them, are lost. Nothing beyond your wandering mind can be perceived in normal reaction. It might not be something to boast about, but I live in this un-real world where all I do is think and dream of the probable and impossible. The maximum attention young teens can give without being distracted, believe it or not, is only 20 minutes. Our brains keep thinking to exercise, to bring in dynamism. A lot of us have an entirely different level of vivid visualization and many stay under the 'Walter Mitty' extremity. However, it is important to strike a balance when you think of the past and the future. Sometimes it's not that bad to live in the real world.

Sajneet Mangat

Inter-House Music Competition

The annual Inter-House Music Competition took place on December 11, 2015.

The competition kicked off with talented members from each house participating in the 'Hindustani Orchestra' round.

YPS Mohali showed off its Western side with breathtaking performances in the 'Western Solo' round followed by the "Hindi Solo" round, with each singer hitting every note beautifully.

The "Mehfil-e-Qawwali" round ended the competition. The much awaited result came soon after. The house positions were -

1. Patiala House
2. Aitchison House
3. Ranjit House
4. Nalagarh House
5. Tagore House

The winners of the Western solo round were -

1. Kriti Sharma
2. Aranya Caimi
3. Kirandeep

The winners of the Hindi solo round were -

1. Sweetaj Barar
2. Kashish
3. Prabhnoor Chahal



The Winning House

INTER HOUSE

The results for the **Inter House Hockey Tournament** held during the month of December

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

The **Inter-House Cross Country Run** was held on November 6, 2015. It was fun to see children struggling to get points for their respective houses. The event was a big success and kept the audience on their toes with some close finishes.

Rahil won the Milkha Singh Trophy and Gurinder Kaur won the PT Usha trophy. The Overall House positions were

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

INTER SCHOOL

IPSC Athletics: The sports stars of our school recently went to PPS Nabha for IPSC athletics.

- Nagina: shot put: 1st
- Sanehdeep: high jump: 2nd
- Inayat: 200m race: 3rd
- Adesh: 200m race: 3rd

Inter School IT Competition: Our school hosted an Inter School IT Competition on December 28, 2015.

A first for our school, and hopefully the first of many to come, it featured events like Brochure Designing, PowerPoint Presentation and Programming and witnessed enthusiastic participation from 9 schools in total. Manav Mangal Smart School, Mohali came first in Brochure designing with YPS, Mohali coming first in PowerPoint and Strawberry Fields coming in first for Programming. Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula was adjudged the best team.

Artistic Revelation



On November 21, 2015 a group of 10 students escorted by Mr. Sukirat boarded a train to Jaipur to take part in the IPSC visual arts festival 2015, i.e., Revelation held at MGD girls' school, Jaipur.

The next day an opening ceremony was held with Mr. Shail Choyal as the chief guest. The teams were taken to the Pearl Academy of Design, Jaipur for the events of the first day, which were outdoor sketching, Jewellery designing, Composition, Artificial flower making, Still life, T-shirt and shoe designing, Magazine cover designing and Photography. The students also took part in jewellery designing and fashion styling workshops. There was a laser show held at the Vidhan Sabha which was a part of the

resurgent Rajasthan program. Almost 20,000 people attended the show.

The second day of the Festival consisted of Graffiti, Face Painting, Headgear & Nail Art, Tile Mosaic and cartoon & caricature, and editing. The principal's dinner and DJ night was organised for the students that evening.

The final day of the competition consisted of one session of Rangoli and installation, followed by the closing ceremony. Ms. Yuriiko Lochan, a Japanese artist was the chief guest for the day. Hyunju Oh and Simran Singh won the 2nd prize in Artificial flower making, Gurnehmat Kaur Dhindsa won the 2nd prize in Magazine cover designing, Simran Singh won the 3rd prize in cartoon and caricature, and Mannik Singh, Jasleen Kaur, Robinpreet Singh Sidhu and Hyunju Oh won the 2nd prize in Installation art. After the closing ceremony, the team visited the Arch Academy of design followed by a trip to the 'pink square' mall for dinner.

On the final day we visited the 'Bapu Market' where we bought traditional Rajasthani clothes and souvenirs.

EVENTS

The British Council conducted a series of **workshops on Writing and Speaking Skills** for Classes I to V in the months of October and December. The objective of these workshops was to improve the written and spoken expression of the students in English.

Football League matches for Classes IV and V were held in the month of December.

Punjabi Poetry Recitation for Classes II and III was held on 3rd November, 15.



Prizes for Class IV **Readathon** were given out on 5th November.

Cross Country Race was held on 6th November, 2015 for Classes IV and V in the school campus.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

-A Special Assembly on **Diwali and Children's Day** was held on 5th November, 15. The children decorated the school corridors with beautiful Rangoli patterns. Class III-O presented a song on Diwali followed by songs sung by the teachers. This year the teachers presented a skit on the menace of 'Bullying'. Its aim was to help the children introspect the ills of bullying and how to deal with it.



To mark the occasion of **Gurpurab**, there was a Special Assembly on 23rd November where the children of Indian Music choir sang a Shabad and Dilshaan of IV-E spoke on the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Headmaster presented certificates to the winners of Cross Country of Classes IV and V.

- The need and importance of the Constitution in a country was explained in the form of a skit which was presented in a Special Assembly held on 26th November which has been declared as Constitution Day of India.

Visit by Daljit Nagra

The British Council sponsored a visit of a British Poet Daljit Nagra to YPS on December 2, 2015. He presented a poetry performance for Classes V to VII in the Junior School. He read a few excerpts from his book "Ramayana: A Retelling."

His performance was followed by an interactive session with the students. It was heartening to see the children, very enthusiastically, asking intelligent and interesting questions while lending an ear to the patient answers given by him.



Writers' Corner



MY BEST FRIEND 'COUCAL'

There is a green belt in front of my house. Many trees and tall grass grow there and it is a beautiful sight. One day I saw a different type of bird there. It was so beautiful that I thought of making it my best friend. I thought about what to name it. I searched it in my bird dictionary. At last I found its name. It was a Coucal. I watched it every day and I learned its call. It was 'oo, oo, oo, oo' and I loved it.

After a few months I heard my best friend chirping very loudly. I ran outside and saw a man cutting the tall grass where my best friend's nest was. My heart grew heavy and I was feeling very bad that I would never see my best friend again. I waited for the grass to grow again but it did not return.

After two years I thought it would never come back again. But I was wrong and it came back. I was very surprised and happy to see my best friend again.

Diya Narula III N

I LOVE MY SCHOOL

I go to school every day,
And don't want a holiday.
I brush my teeth and take a shower,
Finish my breakfast to gain some power.
I board my bus and off to school,
School life is so cool!
Mental Math and Creative Writing,
Lots of fun and less of fighting.
Midday meal and food so yummy,
I eat it all to fill my tummy.
Teachers make everything seem easy,
Worksheets and assessments keep us busy.
In YPS we all say,
It's not all work but lots of play.
I go to school every day,
And I really don't want a holiday...!!!

Rudraansh Vats III O

MR. RABBIT

Mr. Rabbit has a habit to eat a carrot.
He is very cute and is happy with a fruit.
His body is so white that it shines at night.
Mr Rabbit's eyes are so small
He looks like a fur ball,
I want it to talk to me and play with me all night
long.

Prisha Dhawan II O

THE READING CHALLENGE

I did the Reading Challenge in school,
Reading books is so cool.
Books and stories are fun,
It is wonderful to read one.
I can draw what I like,
And write a storyline.
Thick or thin, I don't mind,
There are a lot of new words to find.
A scary book or a funny book,
I love the way they look.
It may be easy or not,
I enjoy reading a lot.

Yuviana Sachar II O

ONE MORNING

One morning I heard a sweet voice,
And rushed to the backyard but....
Mother said, "No noise!"
I peeped through the window,
And saw a wonderful sight,
On it was sitting, a sweet little sparrow,
Singing as if there was no tomorrow.
In the mornings when it sings,
I enjoy looking at it flapping wings.
Now we have one new family member,
Who I never forget to feed,
In the mornings of December.

Guntas Kaur II O



THE ANNUAL DAY

THE MAKING OF

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL



THE ANNUAL DAY

THE FINAL SHOW



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