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▲ The new Students' Council

EDITORIAL...

As one more session comes to an end, I hope you all have exceeded your own goals and created some great memories. The last term saw everyone preparing for the final examinations and get into the study mode.

We hope that you all have performed well in the exams, and if not, at least have learnt of your shortcomings and decided to work on them in the future. As you step into a new session, and a new class, set goals, work hard and achieve.

The editorial team wishes you the very best.

Sanya Arora
Editor-in-Chief



▲ The old gives way to the new



▲ Komal Singh addressing the school

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2016

"Leaders are made, they are not born." Vince Lombardi

The much awaited Investiture Ceremony was held on February 15, 2016. The ceremony commenced with a prayer and an inspiring song, 'Ekla Chalo Re' by the school choir. The newly elected council members were presented badges, crests and cravats, which was followed by the oath taking ceremony. They were congratulated by the Headmaster and encouraged to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity. The newly appointed Captains and Prefects pledged to diligently shoulder their responsibilities and fulfill everyone's expectations.

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▲ Headmaster Mr RP Devgan passing on the reins to the new Student's Council

CHANDIGARH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL



▲ Students at the Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival

The students of Classes VI, VII and VIII attended the third Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival, organised at Dikshant Global School, Zirakpur on the January 29, 2016. Mr David Lelliot, the British Deputy High Commissioner for Chandigarh, narrated 'The Little Bird', a story he had written for his daughters. Ms Chatura Rao—a contemporary writer of children's fiction and the director of the Festival spoke about the many ways to look at a story and how imagination is the most important thing in creative writing. She also read out an extract from her latest novel, 'The Case of Disappearing Colour'. A panel of young writers told the students that reading should not be bound by age and language. If we like something, we should just go ahead and read it. Mr Ramendra Kumar, a writer from Odisha, gifted with magical storytelling abilities, narrated some stories.



▲ Republic Day Celebrations



▲ The Mahatma and the Legend

Swachhta Abhiyan

The clean and sanitized India campaign has been launched in schools in order to spread awareness regarding the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. On February 1, 2016, the students and teachers of YPS pledged to work hand in hand to make the Swachh Bharat Mission a success.



▲ Swachh Bharat message board



▲ UKG STUDENTS cleaned the school campus on February 18, 2016

INTERHOUSE GK QUIZ (February 10, 2016)

The House positions were as follows:

- 1st Position : Aitchison House
- 2nd Position : Patiala House
- 3rd Position : Ranjit House

CHAPPAR CHIRI TRIP

Chappar Chiri started like the usual school trip. We boarded the buses, accompanied by teachers. It was a twenty minutes drive from school, which went in chatting with my friends. After reaching we were given a history lesson by our guide. It was like watching a historical war film. Chappar Chiri was a village where a battle was fought between Wazir Khan and Banda Singh Bahadur on 12th May 1710. A magnificent monument, the Fateh Burj was built in memory of Banda Singh Bahadur's victory, and was inaugurated in 2011. At 328 feet, it is the tallest monument in India. I was not able to take my eyes off the magnificent structure. There was something magical about it.

Piyush Dhyani, VI-O



▲ Gursobha Singh astride Connie Briton

GURSOBHA STEALS THE SHOW

Gursobha Singh, XII-O, added another feather to his cap by winning five gold and two silver medals on the concluding day of the Punjab Horse Show and the National Tent Pegging Championship (March 8-13) at the Punjab Armed Police grounds in Jalandhar.



► The batch of 1990 held a reunion at the school and on the occasion handed over a cheque to the Headmaster for installing a centralized drinking water system that will benefit the entire school. Three cheers for the 1990 batch!



◀ Udayveer, Class VI-T, rescued a sick bird. He found the unconscious Tree Pie on the campus. He took the bird to the Veterinary hospital run by the SPCA where it was treated with antibiotics and later recovered completely. The doctor at the clinic congratulated Uday on his humane approach towards animals and appreciated his efforts.



▲ Armaan Kathuria, VII-T, and Sumer Singh Grewal, VII-E, made YPS proud at the Thomas Cook Travel Quest Season II, held on December 2, 2015, at Shivalik Public School, Mohali. They were declared the city finalists and won a study tour to Malaysia.



▼ Atharv Sharma of Class X-S and Aarjav Sharma of Class IV-E successfully completed the basic snow skiing course (from December 24, 2015 to January 5, 2016) from The Indian Institute of skiing and Mountaineering (IISM), Gulmarg.

◀ 150 students from Class VI attended the Inter-School Integrated Creative Learning Workshop organised by Heritage Lab at the Govt Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10. The workshop on the 'Grandeur of Gandhara' brought together history, creative writing, critical thinking, group work and the rich experience of the museum. Senona Singh (VI-O) and Ebrahim Hassan Sofi (VI-N) were declared the 1st runner up and 2nd Runner up, respectively in the Observation and Analysis Category. Over 900 students from across the tricity participated in the workshop.





▲ L-R: Bhalinder, Ritwij, Kartikeya, Partesh, Japnaman, Sukhmani, Tarandeep, Kudrat, Kanishka, Bhavjeet, Apaarjeet, Gurnehmat, Harkrit, Tanya, Jaskaran, Sanjana, Ajeshwar, Kunwar

Yadavindrians at Yale NUSMUN

The lessons that we learn outside the classroom are just as important as those that we learn inside. The Yale NUS Asia Pacific Model UN Conference was held at the National University of Singapore from the 22nd to the 24th of Jan, 2016. It was a great learning experience for the team of 18 YPS students from classes 9 and 11. Over 1000 delegates from 40 countries across the world participated in the Conference. The MUN inspired students to stand up and effect change in the world through rigorous discourse and debate. The student delegates were allotted committees and topics beforehand, for which they researched and prepared for the MUN. It seemed

that no amount of research was enough for our topics.

Armed with our research work and position papers, we left for Singapore in high spirits. The perfectly manicured trees, the neat and clean roads and buildings were picture perfect. The sessions witnessed high level of debates. We made friends not only with the delegates from other countries but also built bonds amongst each other.

The two days of sightseeing in Singapore included visits to the Sentosa Island and the Universal Studio, where the breath-taking rides were a favourite among us. The trip was a lifetime experience that I would not trade for anything.

Sanjana Sidhu (XI-N)

YPS bids farewell to Mr. Darshan Singh Koonar and Ms. Neelu Sandhu

Mr. D.S. Koonar retires at the end of this academic session after 33 years of service to the school. His pleasant and helpful nature, excellent teaching skills and inspiring words will always motivate the students as well as teachers. We wish him all the best for the future.

We bid a fond farewell to **Ms Neelu Sandhu**, the beloved Junior School art teacher, and in her own words, a legend at YPS. She retires after a long innings at YPS during which she has instilled the love of art and beauty in successive generations of Yadavindrians.



THE FEB EXCURSION

The students of Class VI had the privilege of visiting the Chandigarh Museum in Sector 10, where they were intrigued by the selection of paintings, models of dinosaurs, plants and even fossils! They were also shown a skit on Lord Buddha and briefed about human evolution and related activities. Certainly a fun day for the kids!

Tabiaa Singh Brar, VI-N

OUR COUNTRY AND MOVIES

Indian cinema—the dreamland where an ordinary man has the fighting skills of a Black Ops soldier, where women are strictly forbidden to pick up a weapon (for the sake of their makeup), and where SUVs blow up like firecrackers. There is always a hateful villain, his dumb sidekick, a common man fighting against the system, and an old aunty who wants the boy and girl together. But every now and then, a movie pops up which is realistic and has an actual plot. Films like 3 Idiots, Munnabhai, Taare Zameen Par, Margarita with a Straw, Lagaan, Rang de Basanti, and more recently, Aligarh brought something to the public it had never seen before—realistic cinema. All these movies stirred the minds of the people and showed them that there was more to Indian cinema than slapstick comedy and cheesy action scenes.

The film industry might be changing for the greater good, but the true bane of the country will always be—the 'Mahaan' Indian Censor Board. From Deadpool to The Revenant, movies with extreme gore are not only censored, but also given an 'A' rating. What is the point of giving an 'A' rating to a movie whose 'A' rated scenes have already been cut? I hope Indian cinema will change eventually. Until that happens, make sure you watch Dawn of Justice and enjoy your holidays. Because right now, Bollywood is so insane that Singham vs. Hulk would be a fair battle.

Tanveer Mangat (VIII-N)

ALL IS NOT LOST IN THE CITY

My childhood holds many memories, incidents that have shaped my consciousness and made me evolve into the person I am today. "Relationships, whether it is friends or family, are bonds to be nurtured. You must go to Kalanwali," says my wise father. Kalanwali is where my roots are embedded, my ancestral village. So we travel. As the bus moves I see a shabby kid. His cupped hands evoke pity. My mother's words reverberate, "Notice the people beneath you and count your blessings. Some can't even count."

A memory tugs at my heartstrings: My father looking striking in a blue blazer he is trying on. And even though I wasn't meant to, I fancy a blue shirt. And as I come out of the store with a handbag, I see the blue blazer lying on the counter. My father has yet again sacrificed his needs for my wants. Ironically, my father is happy. I feel blue.

The bus has started moving, so have my thoughts: My parents always kept me busy with art, reading, courses or sports when I was a little boy. Financial hardships were but a speed-bump to be navigated. I was sent to the best school in the city. They believe it has not

been wasted—I win accolades regularly. I thank my school, but not just for these merits. As my mother puts it, "You don't attach your certificates to you, but you sure do carry your behaviour." Honesty, respect, righteousness and virtue are what my parents inculcated in me. This was further honed by my school which stands for Vidya, Vinay, Veerta—Education, Leadership and Courage. My teachers introduced me to the magic of books and perseverance for that extra mile. Competitions at other schools not only helped me build confidence but also taught me to lead. Introductions are not that difficult now.

I arrive at the nostalgic abode and bend to receive my uncle's blessings. Everybody bows to the roots. He smiles and says, "After all, all is not lost in the city."

Aditya Jain, X-O

TO ERR IS HUMAN

If you are a person who has committed a mistake at some point in your life, you have nothing to be sorry about. But those of you swelling with pride with claims of zero fault, definitely have a lot to worry about. In fact, those who have never committed mistakes have never tried anything new. Albert Einstein once said after failing 99 times that he hadn't failed, he had just found 99 ways that didn't work. Success is built on failures and one who has never failed can never really know how sweet it tastes. So the next time people around you point out the errors from your past, don't feel uneasy and embrace those mistakes instead. Those errors are your learning points which have given you valuable lessons to last through the journey of life. So take your mistakes, not as failures but as stepping stones. And make it a point not to repeat them ever. Errors are not to be shied away from because 'to err is human and to forgive is divine'.

Khooshi Anand, VII-S

Discovering the Yadavindrian Reading stamina

Let's check how much reading is too much for the Yadavindrians. So brush up your reading skills for we throw upon you the challenge of reading. All you need to do is:

1. Read a book (It may be fiction or non-fiction).
2. You must read at least three books by April.
3. Send in your reviews of the books to editorial@ypsched.com, latest by April 30, 2016.

All entries will be shortlisted for printing in The Oracle. Moreover, you have other interesting prizes to win too. So get started, pick your book today.

SPOOKY EXAMS

Tomorrow is my Physics exam,
Mommy, hurry with my bread and jam.

Exams! They are always weird,
Tomorrow if I'm not geared,
My report card will be badly smeared,
And that is something greatly feared.

Then comes the result day,
Who passed or flunked, who can say,
The more about it I think,
The more does my heart sink,

Exams or no exams,
My best friend is sleep,
And if I don't sleep right now,
Tomorrow I will weep.
Khushi Verma, VII-S

The World of Wonders
Standing under the starry sky
I stare at the stars and wonder why
They are so big yet seem so small
like small diamonds studded in a black wall

They twinkle, they shine
and bring me to life
When they blink, they give me courage
to look for peace and avoid strife

What magic is there
I wonder where
I was as I tried to open my wings,
But I realized that I was just imagining things.

Khushi Verma VII-S

NOTHING MATTERS.....

Love exists,
So why does hate?
If people can be good from early (the beginning)
Then why are some late?

After all, what matters in this noble world?
Nothing matters!
Love scatters!

Bringing all the hopes
Tied along with the ropes
Love exists so does hate,
Destiny awaits so does fate

Good exists,
So why does bad?
If people can be happy,

Then why some are sad?
Nothing matters!
Love Scatters!
Bringing all the hopes,
Tied along with the ropes

Good exists so does bad
So happy people exist
So do the ones sad

Nothing matters!
Love Scatters!

Saksham Deol, VI- N

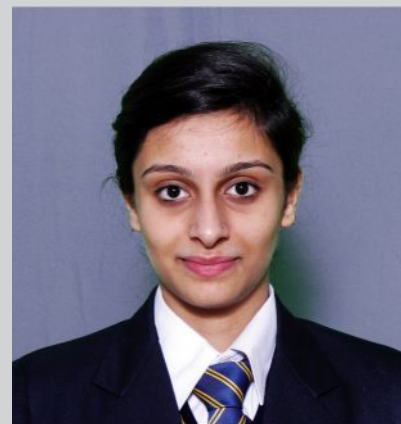
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Outside a window lies a different world
I answer the beckoning of the sun
The whispering translucent leaves look gay
And the chirping birds spread felicity
The sunshine falls on the new buds

And I feel the ethereal legacy of nature
I sat on the damp grass
Wishing thou would come
The serene wind cleanses the evil
Through lavender tufts in that bower
I closed my eyes
And there singeth my soul

Sanmeet Kaur Sawhney, VIII-N

Obituary



YPS mourns the death of our ex-student Niharika Makol (2014 batch) who passed away on February 29, 2016. May her soul rest in peace!



English Poetry Recitation for Classes IV and V was held on 15 December, 2015.

The result was as follows:

- I Jasleen Kaur V-N
- II Parul Srivastava V-T
- III Manraj V-O

A Special Assembly was held on 17 December, 2015 to celebrate Christmas in Junior School. Class III presented a skit on "Nativity" and Class II on "The Spirit of Christmas". The children of Class IV presented a Hindi song 'Jhoomti Hai Zindagi' and Class V sang 'Mary, did you know?' The show concluded with a variety of carols.

Class I's Thematic assembly on 11 December, 2015 was based on the theme 'Swachh Bharat Mission' where the children presented a Hindi song, an English song and a skit encouraging cleanliness. A lively dance by the children enthralled the audience. The show was wrapped up with a pledge taken by everyone present on keeping our surroundings and our country clean.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EXHIBITION

The students presented a mélange of colour, music and dance in the form of Visual and Performing Arts Exhibition on 19 February, 2016. It was indeed a treat for the five senses where the children showcased the skills learnt in their respective Hobbies throughout the year.

French and Korean language hobby groups gave a glimpse of the French and Korean culture and food. Children interacted with visitors and sang songs in these languages.

Art and Craft display splashed its colour all around with beautiful handmade creations such as hats, photo frames, dream catchers, drawings etc. fashioned from commonly used things.

The children of Wordmaster hobby displayed various games, activities and concepts learnt during their vocabulary enriching sessions throughout the year.



Kidz Snax showed various techniques used in preparing food along with mouth-watering snacks that can be prepared in a jiffy without the use of flame.

'Seven Wonders Of The World' was the theme chosen by Clay Modelling and Pottery. The children made replicas of the seven famous monuments. They also exhibited pots and other items that they made from clay.

Young gymnasts of Classes I, II and III impressed the audience with their flexibility in floor exercises.

Indian Music hobby presented a medley of folk songs from different states of the country. The children sang and played these songs on tabla, harmonium, xylophone, banjo and santoor.

Western Music hobby presented a song "Change the World" followed by a Piano Recital and a Guitar Ensemble. Girls of the Indian Folk Dance hobby performed "Kathak" from Jaipur Gharana on a foot tapping music piece.





The two groups of Theatre performed street plays titled 'Respect Me Man' and 'Khichdi'. The first was a satire on the callous way we use objects in our daily life. The second play highlighted the idea of using one's own mind rather than following people blindly, which can lead to undesirable consequences.

The most awaited performances were by the two groups of Bhangra which enthralled the audience to the core. One of the groups performed "Jindua" which is a folk dance done in pairs on a love song. The second group's performance using traditional props like sapp, kato and khunda- was simply mesmerizing.



REFLECTIONS... BY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Twinkle Twinkle Little Car

Twinkle twinkle little car,
How I wonder how bad you are!

Whenever you start, you start with a bang,
And when you stop, you don't start again!

I looked after you for so many years,
But what you did with your choked gears!

Leaking oil and creating a mess,
Without you this world will be a better place!

Akshita III S

Junior School

We made friends,
We made enemies,
But making friends was better!

We got good marks,
And got even better remarks,
Getting rewarded from the teachers,
Was better than tripping over the ball!

The lessons were different,
First to the eighth,
We waited for the thirty minute break...
The "savior" for us!

The food which watered our mouths was better,
Than the test which our teacher was about to give back to us,
That made us nervous...
But when we got it back,
It made us happier than the guy next to us!

It's hard to leave the junior school for us,
It's not only me, who say this,
It's Class V which says... That
"Teachers, you are the inspiration for us!"
We love you teachers'...
Thank you for the love you've shown for us,
Thank you Junior School!!!

Parth Katoch V-S

A Day at School

Every Morning I get up slow,
Because to school I have to go!
Off I go in my car,
And reach the school in half an hour.

Reaching school is so exciting,
All the children running and shouting,
I reach my class and go to my desk,
In comes our teacher who is the best.

She teaches lessons and makes them interesting
We feel like we know everything.

In the break, a banana we take,
With lunch the yummy ice cream crunch,
In the field we go to play.

As we near the end of the day,
Then rings the bell and breaks loose all hell.
Rushing to my car I come,
At last a day at school is done.

Mehtaab III S

My Experience at Junior School

My time in Junior School was the best time I ever had. In class IV, we were introduced to many activities like Cricket League, Spin-a-Yarn etc. But the two most exciting things in Junior School were the play "The Lion King" and the Treks. We all learnt to be independent. It was our first experience without our parents and I

enjoyed with our friends. Another thing that was amazing was the night out at school. We had a bonfire and had a lot of fun. God knows what's in store for us at Senior School! But in Senior School, there'll be no play or activities like this. In Junior School, teachers cared for us and showed a lot of affection. We all are very sad to leave the Junior School and go to the Senior School and become juniors over there. We will miss Komal Ma'am and all the other teachers.

Aditya Singla V-S

Being in Junior School was the best experience of my life. It was a little difficult in Class -I because I had just come from UKG and was always thinking, "When will mama come! When will mama come!" In Class II, I was scolded by Parveen Ma'am. Class III was very easy because the teacher didn't scold much. Class IV was the best of all because Navjot ma'am taught English and English is my favourite subject. All the scolding which I got in these four years, I gave it to other children when I became the House Captain.

I hope that Senior School would be good too! The best teacher in Junior School was Harpreet Ma'am because she was our Class teacher.

Karan V E

My experience in Junior School was amazing. The whole day we were enthusiastic and filled with naughtiness and manners. I am feeling sad because I will leave Junior School. I will miss Amrit madam's Punjabi lessons the most. I will miss our Class teacher, Nanak ma'am and all other teachers. Bye bye Junior School!

Manraj V O

DESSERTS

Desserts are very yummy,
They can fulfill your 'not so satisfied tummy'.
They are something sweet to eat,
Eaten after dinner, or just like a treat.

Chocolate brownie, with ice cream on it,
Is my personal favourite.
Hot cake, with cool ice cream,
If you'll eat it I bet you'll say, 'Hey, Am I in a dream!'

Gulab Jamun, the Indian dish,
To eat as much as they want is everyone's wish.
Soft filling with pistachios on top,
Can really make your heart drop.

Ice cream Sundae, the chilling one,
Just to cool yourself under the blazing sun!
Wafers, choco-chips, sweet sauces and others,
You'll wish to take another one.

Halwa, soft and nut delight,
No one can say 'No' to another bite.
Distributed as Prasad in different places,
Devotees eat them with a smile on their faces.

Desserts are such sweet delights,
But we should learn how to eat them right.
Eat them once in a while,

So that you don't gain weight and always wear a smile!

Parul Shrivastava V T

SINCERE LIKE MY FATHER

Intelligent as an owl they say
Delightful as my mother I think
Awesome as a lion I seem
Kind like my sister, ain't I?

Sidak V T

ACROSTIC POEMS

An acrostic poem is a type of poetry where the first, last or other letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. The most common and simple form of an acrostic poem is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase.

Here are some attempts by our students:

FAVOURITE DRINKS

Frooti
Apple Berry Crush
Vanilla Shake
Orange Juice
Under the bed I hide and have
Ripe Grape Juice
In a restaurant I love to have
Two lemonades
End of the day my mother forces me to

Drink a glass of milk
Rather than letting me have
Ice-cold Coke
Nestea
Keenu juice or
Sprite

Arshiya Suri III S

WINTER

Winter wonderland
Icy cold
Nothing is hot
The weather is cold
Everything you touch is cold
Really cold!

Pavni III N

MYSELF

Abhinav is my name
Breaking rules is my game, (a quality I need to tame).
Hacking games is what I do
I like Iron Man Series too
New is my name's meaning
Amazing is what my friends call me
Very sensitive I am!

Abhinav V T



INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2016

The Junior School Student Council for 2016-17 was sworn in on March 15, 2016 by the Headmaster in a special ceremony that was attended by all the students of the Junior School. They took an oath to be true to their posts and uphold the trust vested in them. The students were encouraged by the Headmaster to carry out their responsibilities with humility & compassion, and believe in teamwork.

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|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Head Boy : | Taijas Singh | |
| Head Girl : | Myra Rehncy | |
| House Aitchison | Harshveer Singh | Captain (Boys) |
| Nalagarh | Sehajgeet Rangi | Gurman Kaur |
| Patiala | Harraj Singh | Aashna |
| Ranjit | Sartaj Tuli | Sabreen K. Mann |
| Tagore | Dilshanveer Singh | Aazeen |
| | | Tanvi Gupta |





▼ Basant Panchmi



▲ Joy!



▲ Mud is FUN



▲ Meal Time!



▲ Show and Tell



▲ Hi There!

ART AND CRAFT DISPLAY



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