

Dear readers,

With this issue another great term comes to an end. This session was filled with various inter house and inter school activities. The first Inter house MUN was conducted during this year and it was great a success as it paved the way for an inter school MUN.

The term began with the students coming back after the holidays. Everyone seemed to be refreshed and raring to go. A trek, debates, quizzes, sports and much more was lined up for the students. All in all it was a very busy term and to add to it we have the half yearly exams coming up.

We also bade goodbye to our Deputy headmistress- Mrs. Anita Kashyap and welcomed the new Deputy Headmistress- Mrs. Nutan Buddhiraja.

We have also introduced a quiz in this edition which I am sure you will enjoy solving. Just a reminder... the first three correct submissions get a reward, so get started and study hard for the exams. Good luck and happy reading!

Jaskirat Singh Lamba



 Jaskirat
Lamba(XII-O) participated in the Albert
Barrow Creative
Writing
Competition held on July 18, 2016, at
Frank Anthony Public
School, at New Delhi.

• Shreya Arya (XII-E) and Sajneet Mangat (XI-N) participated in the Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Inter-School English Debate Competition held on July 15, 2016, at Sahnewal (senior category), and Gurnehmat Kaur (X-E) and Gandharv Thakur (IX-N) represented our school at Amritsar (junior category).

• Sajneet Mangat, Jaandeep Cheema, Shreya Arya and

Sanjana Sidhu participated in the Silver Fiesta- Movie Appreciation Competition, held from July 29-30, 2016 at the Kasiga School, Dehradun. The team won the Jury's Choice Award for film review and presentation.

• Kartikeya Puri (X-S), Sahil Ahuja and Dhruv Trehan (XII-O), participated in the Rajmata Gayatri Devi Quiz Competition organized on August 11, 2016 at Sawai Man Singh School, Jaipur. The team reached the semi-finals.

• A team of eleven students represented YPS in the Yale-NUS Model ASEAN , held from August 12-14, 2016, at Singapore.

• YPS won a Consolation Prize in the Inter- School Patriotic Group Song Competition, held on August 20, 2016, at Mount Mary's School, Sector 46 B, Chandigarh.

• YPS won the First Prize in the Inter-School Music Competition, held on August 27,2016. at Sacred Souls' School.

• The team of Dhruv Trehan (XII O), Preet Karan Singh(XIE) and Tanveer Mangat (IXT) won the First Prize at Landmark Knowledge Conclave, Genesis School, Noida, held from August 24-26, 2016.

• YPS U-14 Girls' Basketball Team won a friendly match (May 14, 2016) with Strawberry Fields School, Chandigarh.

• YPS participated in Mohali District Swimming Competition on May 28 , 2016. Students took part in freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke and butterfly styles and won the following medals: Sarghi Sekhon of VI-N won 4 gold medals, Arshiya Kaur of IX-S won 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal. Guneev Gill of X-O won 4 gold medals. Avneesh S. Saini of X-E won 1 gold medal, 2 silver medals, and 2 bronze medals. Karan Batta of X-N won 2 gold medals and 1 bronze medal. The above mentioned students along with Jasnoor of V-E and Mahika of V-S, were selected to represent Mohali district in the state championship.

• Sukhmani Kaur won a bronze medal in the 14th Senior National Soft Tennis Championship (June 8 -12) at the Punjab University, Chandigarh. She also took part in the 10th Girls' All India Championships (April 27 - 30) and secured the 4th position in the U-17, 10 meters Air Pistol Category.

• The Boys' Football Team (U-17) took part in the IPSC Football Tournament held in Genesis Global School, Noida from July 11-15, 2016. The team reached the quarter finals.

• Karan Batta (XN) and Avneesh Singh (XE) won a bronze medal each for their respective events in the All India IPSC Swimming Meet held from July 18-21, 2016, at Miles Bronson Residential School, Guwahati.

• A friendly match in cricket was held between YPS Patiala and YPS Mohali on July 30,2016. The U-14 match was won by YPS Mohali, while the U-17 match was won by YPS Patiala.

• YPS participated in the Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Tournament held at Vivek High School, Mohali (August 1-6). The U-14 and U-16 Girls' teams secured the first position and the U-14 Boys' team came third.

• YPS went on the annual treks to Hatu Peak, Hamta Pass, Beas Kund, Manali, Nagleri and Kufri.

YPS Extends a Warm Welcome!

Tanya: Good morning! Ma'am you have joined YPS after having had a long teaching experience. Please tell us something about it.

Ms. Budhiraja: While I was writing my dissertation for M.Phil, I started working in different colleges as a lecturer. So, I was both a student as well as a teacher. Later I started teaching in schools in New Delhi, as a Political Science PGT. After some years I had to relocate

to the Middle East with my family, and there I started working in international schools. Apart from being introduced to an international curriculum, I taught students, belonging to 48 different nationalities. Even the faculty comprised teachers coming from across the globe. This proved to be an immense learning experience for me. I learned new things from people around the globe, including their varied cultures.

Tanya: What do you find the most striking quality about our school?

Ms. Budhiraja: The most striking thing about YPS is the holistic development, which today every other school talks about but I have actually seen it here. There is balance between sports, hobbies, co-curricular activities and academics. YPS provides a platform for healthy competitiveness through inter-house and interschool events. Technology is also being used effectively. Additionally, the teachers have an understanding and genuine concern for the students.

Tanya: What is your opinion about 'success in life'? Ms. Budhiraja: Success means different things to different people at different ages. It can mean to be in a team, or achieve goals in life....to be at different places and positions. Later, in life it may mean, having a house with all needs fulfilled. For me at this point of time, success is not linked with a monetary aspect but with accomplishment, peace, happiness...in doing what I like to do and putting forward positive contributions......to sleep without fear of guilt, is success. It would have been different, say 15 years ago and might be different after a few years.

Tanya: What message would you like to convey to our students?

Ms.Budhiraja: The students really need to keep their focus and avoid distractions. They should plan for their future and focus on it. I want the students to give emphasis on good values. They should be independent thinkers and not get influenced by what others say or think. I wish them all the very best in whatever they strive to do.

Tanya: Thank you ma'am. We are glad to welcome you to our YPS family.

Interviewed by Tanya Ahuja



"Saare Jahan se Achcha, Hindustan Hamara"

Every year, 15th August is celebrated as Independence Day to commemorate India's freedom from the British, after 200 years of colonial rule. This auspicious day marks the birth of the biggest democracy, India. Independence Day binds the people of different cultures and religions into a bond of unity and brotherhood. The whole nation stands together and salutes the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country's freedom. On August 15, 2016, our school celebrated the 70th Independence Day. The special assembly began at 9 a.m. with our Headmaster, Mr. R.P. Devgan, hoisting the national flag. This was followed by the national anthem sung by the school choir. The NCC cadets marched smartly around the school quadrangle and saluted the flag. The Head Boy and the Head Girl delivered a speech commemorating the heroes who led India to freedom. It was followed by medley of patriotic songs and a dance.

Today, besides saluting the freedom fighters, we should also pledge to stay united! *"Saare Jahan se Achcha, Hindustan Hamara"*.











HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS!

YPS believes in producing leaders who will make a change in the world. This leadership is not taught through lectures or other educational media but by encouraging each student to take up a responsibility and therefore students are encouraged to dream, create, inspire and get inspired.

The young leaders in grade XI & XII successfully conceived, devised, proposed and organized an open house MUN for the **first time**. The basic idea behind this was to expose students to the event and give them an introduction to the proceedings of a MUN. Needless to say, MUNs are a great way for students to develop public speaking skills, become acquainted with diplomacy and international issues and enhance leadership skills.

The Secretariat consisted of :

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: Sajneet Mangat, Ashneet Kaur



YPS AT YALE NUS MUN!

The National University of Singapore organized a model ASEAN summit from August 12 to August 14, 2016. Our school was invited to be a part of this initiative and a contingent of 11 students represented YPS, at Singapore. We had two days to explore Singapore and indulge in leisure activities before we could actually crank up our gears for the debate. We visited Sentosa, Madame Tussauds and the Universal Studios, which was a magical experience for all of us. Now it was time for work and to represent our individual countries and organizations in the debate. This MUN was a simulation of the ASEAN and its various bodies. Nine committees were simulated and topics ranging from drug abuse in South East Asia, protection of sex workers and the rampant illicit wildlife trade were provided to the delegates to opine and develop creative and pragmatic resolutions. All in all, it turned out to be a joyous and fascinating experience and I would like to encourage fellow students to participate and get involved in these programs which are both fun and educative in nature!

Jaandeep Cheema XII-O



OH! FOR A COOL DRINK OF WATER!

The alumni of the batch of 1990 celebrated their 25th year in 2015. The batch of 1990, indeed, has not forgotten their alma mater. With the sole objective of extending a helping hand, they presented a cheque to the Headmaster in December last year. The money has been put to use for the construction of a new centralized drinking water system on the campus. The significant changes that can be seen are the cemented water points on the three floors in the school building, which now supply cold water to all students throughout the day. In addition to this, drinking water tanks have also been installed near the main gate and beside the Amanjit Pavilion for all seeking to quench their thirst.

The donation made by our ex-students exemplifies the true nobility of giving back to one's school.

On behalf of the school, we express our gratitude towards the Batch of 1990 for the generosity shown to their alma mater.













Friendship Day

A special assembly by class VI N was held on July 22. Through skits, posters and poems the children brought out the importance of friendship in our lives. The assembly concluded with a song on friendship 'Yeh Dosti Hum Nahi Chodenge'.

Hiroshima Day

Peace is certainly better than a piece of land. The dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima is an example that war offers no solution to any problem. It only causes destruction of life and property. On August 5, Class X N, presented a play which highlighted the trauma faced by the people of Hiroshima. The assembly began with the song 'Let there be peace on Earth' and it ended on an optimistic note with the song 'Hum Honge Kamyaab', praying for peace on Earth.

A DATE WITH SPACE

Our school organised an educational trip to the United States of America this year in June. Thirteen students, accompanied by two teachers got the chance to visit the John F. Kennedy Space Centre at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Orlando, Florida. The experience was more surreal than any of us had ever imagined. Our group got to walk among actual rockets of various missions, including Mercury, Gemini and the Orion Space Shuttle. Up next on our tour, we watched a documentary on the International Space Station which showed us the lives of astronauts, living in space for a period of six months. We were also fortunate enough to take a look at the historic space shuttle Atlantis. As





always, the best was saved for last; we interacted with the former NASA astronaut Thomas David Jones who had completed four space shuttle flights before retiring in 2001. And to imagine he had completed 1000 hours in space!. We had an interesting discussion with him about life in space and space food in particular. The day spent at NASA was definitely a highlight of the USA trip and the experience will be something to treasure all my life.

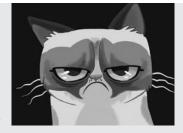
Chitvon Mann (XI O)

KEEP CALM AND QUIZ ON

- Name the longest tunnel in the world, the construction of which was completed recently this year.
- Which is the longest mountain range in the world?
- Which playwright is popularly known as the 'Bard of Avon'?
- If you are visiting the 'Christ de Redeemer', which city would you be in?
- Which is the longest railway track in the world?
- Who created Sherlock Holmes?
- Name the movie which won the 'Best Picture' award at this year's Oscars.
- Which is the most widely spoken language in the world?
- The 'Krusty Crab' is associated with which cartoon show?
- Which is the smallest country in the world?
- Name the highest waterfall on earth.
- Which is the largest river in the world by volume?
- Which South American country is the top exporter of bananas in the world?
- Which bird migrates the longest distance?
- Which organism is responsible for the most human deaths annually?

Write your answers on a piece of paper, with your name, class & section to the Editor-in-Chief, Jaskirat Lamba. The first three correct entries will receive prizes. Last date for entries: September 7, 2016 by 10.30 a.m.

The Wise Little Man



Time Management

Note: Under no circumstances is this to be used as an excuse for submitting your homework late. Also this article is the epitome of logic and common sense (NOT)

Some of you might have made a disgusted face or even thrown up a little bit at the mere mention of this topic, because you have heard people harping on and on about time management as if it was the most important thing in the world (and yet you cannot seem to get the hang of it). But the fact of the matter is that the human mind is just not built that way. Time is one of the most difficult things a brain can try to comprehend.

Take a look at how we perceive large amounts of time. It is impossible for any human to get his head around the numbers used in the geological timescale (millions of years) and to have a fair grasp of just how much that actually is. To give you a bit of an idea, a snail moving at average speed (1 mm/s) for eight hours a day would be able to make 262 rounds of the earth's circumference in a million years. Now that's a lot. I'm pretty sure any number on such a large scale is impossible for anyone to visualise (yet the idea of an eternity in heaven/hell poses no such problem to people for some reason - but that is another matter entirely and will be discussed later).

So if people cannot grasp large amounts of time, it stands to reason that they will not be able to grasp small ones either (completely logical argument). And that is why proper time management is not embraced by the general populace - because they do not understand it in the first place. And that, kids, is how you make an argument out of complete nonsense. **Upamanayu Yaddanapudi XI O**

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Students need to know how education Can make life awesome Exams should be seen as challenges Rather than problems Think about how learning should ideally be fun not stressful. Listen to your teachers When they tell you what to do But more importantly think about it later And ask yourself Why they told you to do it. Every one has a talent and so do you Let it shine out is all you have to do Education is the anchor that holds life Together through choppy waters Don't study to earn, study to learn What you learn today is what you will become tomorrow.

Ms. Rekha Sharma

THERE IS ALWAYS A TRUE FRIEND

When things don't go as you wished And the good time that you missed When the world betrays you And life curses you When the rose doesn't smell pleasant When darkness becomes the present When there is no one to pick you up And no one to wish you best of luck When the moonlight is dim And when you lose your vim When the path seems impossible And everything looks horrible After a darkness you see a light It holds your hand and gives you might It tells you, you were never condemned And that gleam is of a true friend

Navya IXS



>INTER HOUSE RESULTS <

The Inter- House Punjabi Declamation

for classes IX-XII, was held on July 27, 2016. The house positions were:

- 1. Ranjit House
- 2. Tagore House
- 3. Patiala House
- 4. Aitchison House
- 5. Nalagarh House
- Best Speakers:

1. Gunjeev Singh	IX T	
2. Preet Karan	XI E	
3. Abhinav Sachdeva	IX O	
Consolation prize:		
Puneet Gill	XII O	

The Inter-House Oxford Style Debate

for Classes IX to XII was held on August 4, 2016. The house positions were:

XΕ

- 1. Patiala House
- 2. Tagore House

Anshnoor Kaur

- 3. Nalagarh House
- 4. Ranjit House
- 5. Aitchison House
- The best speakers were:

1.Prabhmeh Sandhu	XI O
2. Pranav Raj	XI O
3. Aditya Jain	XI N
Consolation Prize:	
Shreya Arya	XII E
Tarandeep Kaur	ΧS

The Inter House Literary Competition

for classes IX-XII was held on Aug. 10th, 2016. The House positions were:

- 1. Ranjit House
- 2. Tagore House
- 3. Aitchson House
- 4. Nalagarh House
- 5. Patiala House

The Inter House G.K. Quiz Competition

for classes VI-VIII was held on Aug. 17th, 2016. The House positions were:

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

The Inter House Science Quiz Competition

for classes IX-XII was held on Aug. 24th, 2016. The House positions were:

1. Ranjit House

- 2. Aitchison House
- 3.Patiala House
- 4. Nalagarh House
- 5. Tagore House

The Inter House English Poetry Competition

for classes IX-XII was held on Aug. 31st, 2016. The House positions were:

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

Slogan Writing Competition

was held on August 19, 2016 for Classes 9-12.

The winners were:	
Class IX:	
1. Abhinav Sachdeva	IX O
2. Mehakpreet Kaur	IX S
3. Kabir Singh Gill	IX E
Class X:	
1. Ishaan Singh	ΧS
2. Parmeet Singh	ΧE
3. Riya Gill	ΧS
Class XI:	
1. Prabhnoor Chahal	XI N
2. Mohantaj	XI E
3. Sajneet Kaur	XI N
Class XII:	
1. Jaandeep Cheema	XII O
2. Shreya Arya	XII E
3. Liza Newar	XII N
Gurleen Kaur	XII E

Patriotic Song Competition

To commemorate 70 years of freedom, the school held a Patriotic Song Competition, 'Yaad Karo Kurbani' for classes VI-VIII, on August 11, 18 and 22, 2016. The winners were:

Class VI

1. Parul Srivastava	VIT
2. Kaka Kunwar	VI O
3. Parth Singla	VI E
Class VII:	
1. Ebrahim Hasan Sofi	VII N
2. Kriti Sharma	VII T
3. Tanisha	VII E
Class VIII	
1. Armaan Singh	VIII O
2. Zea Gill	VIII S
3. Shreya Singla	VIII S

Corrigendum: The third position in the best actor category was given to Sanjana Singh (XII-N) in the Inter-House Plays Competition.



Swimming for the students of IV and V began on 18thApril. It culminated in a Swimming Meet on 20th May.



Ready to Dive

Prize Distribution was held on 4th May to award certificates to the meritorious students who excelled in both academic and non academic subjects for the session 2015-16.

An Inter House Flag Designing Activity was organized in the Junior School wherein the students had to design a flag for their respective house. The flag had to represent the essence of their House, the values, the ideologies and the motto. They had two days to brainstorm under the guidance of their house teachers before they finally put their ideas on paper.



Inter House Flag Making Activity

English Poetry Recitation Competition was conducted for Classes I to V on 24th May. It was a group recitation for Classes I and II. The winners for the other classes are-

CL	ASS III	
1	Akshdhaa Bali	(III N)
	Riptapan Kaur	(III S)
Ш	Ambarjot Singh	(III N)
CL	ASS IV and V	
1	Rhea Mann	(IV E) AH
Ш	Antara Sharma	(IV S) RH
	Sartaaj Tuli	(V O) TH

The House Positions are:

- I Ranjit House
- II Tagore House
- III Aitchison House
- IV Patiala House
- V Nalagarh House

Thematic assembly on "Every Drop Counts" was presented by Class III on 9th August. The message it spread laid emphasis on water conservation. A Special Assembly "Celebrating India- Azadi 70" was held on 12th August. Class I danced on a medley of songs and the Indian music choir gave an exhilarating percussion performance on the song "Jai Ho" using instruments that were made from common things that produce sound like pans, pots, buckets, sticks and pebbles in bottles along with tabla, congo and drum.



Every Drop Counts

Every year Junior School celebrates Janamasthmi with great fervor. This time too, a special 'Jhalki' of Lord Krishna on his 'Jhula' was set up. The day began by offering prayers amidst the echo of the conch. It was followed by the choir and a dance performance.

Football Season began on 23rd August, with the league matches.

Spin-a- Yarn Competition was held on 29th August. The results are-

- I Nalagarh House
- II Ranjit House
- III Tagore House
- IV Patiala House
- V Aitchison House



JUNIOR WRITER'S CORNER

Mother Nature

Mother Nature, you have given us many trees, And many flowers to the bees; From the owl to the bear, Mother Nature, I'm glad that you are here. Mother Nature, you are mighty as an ocean, And you have joy like a fountain; When I'm close to you I feel no fear, Mother Nature, I'm glad that you are here. From the deep ocean to the mountain peak, I can see you move and hear you speak; You are all around, I can feel you near, Mother Nature, I'm glad that you are here. **Samarveer IV E**

A Mother

When you spill your milk, who do you call? When you catch a cold, who do you want? It is Mommy who loves you with all her heart. And takes you in her arms when you are hurt. When you have to find a needle from a pile of hay, It is Mommy who shows the way. She does her duty well and whatever you say, She will smile in response and show you the way!

My Trip to Leh and Ladakh

During my holidays, I went to Leh and Ladakh with my family. On the first day, we rested because we were very tired. On the second day, we visited the local market and the monasteries. On the third day, we went to Nubra Valley. On the way we crossed the Khardungla Pass, the highest motorable road in the world. In Nubra Valley, we drove ATV bikes on the sand. On the fourth day, we went to the Pangongso Lake. We stayed there in tents. On the last day we visited the local places and Rancho School which is famous for the shooting of the movie '3 Idiots'. I loved visiting the school, the monasteries, the Pangongso Lake and the Nubra Valley. It was a long trip. I missed my home but I loved it there.

Diya Singla II S

The Fisherman and the Kettle

One afternoon, a poor fisherman went to a pond for fishing. On his way, he saw a kettle. While he was coming back, he saw the same kettle again. This time he picked up the kettle and took it home. He showed it to his wife and said, "Dear, I saw this kettle when I was going to the pond."

"Wow, thanks for this kettle. We needed one. I will use it to heat water," said the wife. "But I think, you must wash it first. It is full of dust," the fisherman suggested to his wife. "Sure. Now please go take a bath dear," replied his wife.

The fisherman's wife started washing the kettle. As soon as she poured some water in the kettle, the kettle turned away and started running. She was

shocked and started running after it. The kettle ran inside a cupboard and the things kept in it, started falling down.

Hearing all the sounds, the fisherman came out of the bathroom and asked his wife, "What is going on and why is there a mess all around?"

"It is because of the kettle you've brought! It is a magical kettle and it has created all this mess", the wife answered, breathing really fast.

The fisherman was surprised. He said, "Wait a minute, let me catch this kettle." He caught it, looked inside and started laughing. The wife was surprised and asked, "Why are you laughing?" The fisherman replied with a smile, "My dear, magic is not making it run. It's a crab that is stuck inside."

"What! A crab! So that is the secret of the magical kettle", the fisherman's wife said and joined him in laughter.

Hunnnardeep Kaur IV S

I Know But....

I know that the rivers flow, I know that how white is the snow, But I don't know why the snow is white? I know the turtle is slow, I know my friend Anhar will say "no!" But I don't know why she will say "no!" That's the confusion of "Know" and "No" !!!

Diya Narula IV-N

Summer Is In

The spring has gone and summer is in, Juicy watermelons and sweet mangoes in a tin. We'll learn swimming together in the pool, Have lots of ice cream and become supercool. Here comes the summer, we welcome it with a smile, Wearing cotton clothes and moving in style. Let's pack our bags and go to the hills, Where the breeze would give us chills. When there is no rain, The farmers are in pain. Let's pray to God to help those in pain, At the end of summer, bring lots of rain.

Arshiya Surya IV T

The Sunny Day

We were out in the sun, To have all the fun. Oh! The sun was too hot, Our head seemed like a boiling pot! All the friends started to play, As we had to spend the day. The park was full of noise, As we all rejoiced. There was fun, there was play, But no one was allowed to stay. As time got past, the sun was down, All started back running for the town. I always remember the lovely time, As it was the best of mine, As it was the best of mine.



shape monsters

rocking-a-baby Krishna





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