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**A wise  
old owl  
Sat on an  
oak,**

**The more  
he saw,  
The less  
he spoke;**

**The less  
he spoke,  
The more  
he heard;**

**Why  
aren't we  
like  
That wise  
old bird?**



HARNOOR VI-E

# Editorial...

*Dear Readers,*

**Admiral William McRaven in his famous speech proposed something which coaxed me to ruminate. He remarked, " If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed! If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that the little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you'll never be able to do the big things right. If, by chance, you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made...That you made! And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better."**

**We aspire to leave an impression in the world...bring a POSITIVE change. Many a times in this constant strife to achieve big, we miss out on small, though valuable aspects, which when entailed yield stupendous contentment.**

**Being cautious of the minor details that value in life, Yadavindrians were seen taking their step forward in many fields. This session was filled with some lovable sporty events and major extra curricular activities which created perfect contrast.**

**This issue is dedicated to all our staunch readers (all Yadavindrians), who wish to create an impact through reading, writing and knowledge acquisition. The COLOURED issue has been planned out to be visually stimulating and arousing more passion for exploration. I hope you all would savour the reading experience.**

**And... Let us not forget what Gautam Buddha said, "The mind is everything. What you think you become."**

**Tanya Ahuja  
Editor-in-Chief**

**NOTE: The issue covers events from September 6, 2017 to November 20, 2017**

## FEATHERS IN THE CAP!

- Kriti Sharma of class VIII T participated in Solo Singing Competition held at Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh on November 3, 2017. She stood first and won a cash prize of Rs. 11000/-
- YPS participated in the IPSC IT Fest held at L.K.Singhania, Gotan, Rajasthan from November 10 -12, 2017. Tanya Ahuja ( XII N) was awarded II Runners Up prize in Digital Cartoon Making.



- YPS participated in the Military History Seminar held at Welham Boys School, Dehradun from October 6-7, 2017. Preetkaran Singh (XII-E), Anshnoor Kaur (XI-N), Puneet Kaur (XI-N), Sanmeet Kaur (X-N), Samridh Gupta (X-S), Zea Gill (IX-E), Dhruv Raj Duggal (IX-O), Ria Khurana (IX-S) attended the seminar.
- YPS took part in the JTM Gibson English Debate and Quiz, 2017 held at Mayo College, Ajmer (Rajasthan) from October 6-8, 2017. Tarandeep Kaur (XI-O) was declared the best speaker for Preliminary Round 1.
- INTACH INDIA Heritage QUIZ, 2017 was held at Chandigarh College of Architecture, Sector 12, Chandigarh on October 24, 2017. Armaan Kathuria (IX-T) and Gandharv Thakur (X-N) stood third.
- OAKIQ (Inter School Quiz) JUNIORS was held at Oakridge International School, Mohali on October 28, 2017. Team I consisted of Aarush Singh (VII-O), Ebrahim Hassan Sofi (VIII-N), Team II consisted of Parul Srivastava (VII-T), Adarsh Pratap Singh (VIII-N), Team III consisted of Yatharth Ratti (VIII-E) Aarav Bhardwaj (VIII-E). They were declared the Zonal Runners Up and won a cash prize of Rs.5000/-. They also participated at National level at Oakridge School, Hyderabad.

- OAKiq (Inter School Quiz) SENIORS was held at Oakridge International School, Mohali on October 29, 2017. Team I consisted of Sauhard Batra (X-N), Gandharv Thakur (X-N). They were declared the Zonal winners and won a cash prize of Rs. 7500/-, Team II consisted of Devanshu Dhawan (IX-O), Gunjeev Singh (X-N), Preetinder Singh (X-E), Jashanjot Singh (X-N). They were declared the Zonal Runners Up and won a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- . Both Teams 1 & 2 contested the National Round at Hyderabad where Team 2 secured the 4th position.
- Sanawar Literary Fest was held at Lawrence School, Sanawar ( H. P) from November 4-5, 2017. Our school won 1st consolation in Mystery Fashion and 3rd position in Book Critique .
- Inayat Patwalia of class X-E participated in the Athletics National School Games held at Vadodara, Gujarat from 22nd-25th February, 2017. She participated in the event 400m and qualified for the semi-finals.

## Celebrate *The Child Within You!!!*



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



## CAPTION CONTEST !



It is time to let your creative juices flow.. Give a captivating caption to the above photograph and send it to [ypsoracle2017@gmail.com](mailto:ypsoracle2017@gmail.com) to win exciting prizes!



Tanya Ahuja (XII-N) and Sajneet Mangat (XII-N) interned with Counselling Psychologist, Ms. Jyoti Sharma at Fortis Hospital, Mohali from October 3-9 and September 19-25, respectively, at the Department of Mental Health and Behavioural Sciences under the aegis of Dr. Samir Parikh. This internship exposed them to various applications of psychology in a medical setting. It involved extensive reading and research on certain clinical disorders; interaction with patients in oncology and pediatric ward; and preparing modules to sensitize school-children on the effects of social media.

# CROSS COUNTRY RUN!

The Inter House Cross Country race took place on 23rd November, which was certainly an eventful day which saw tremendous displays of endurance, chivalry and the euphoria of the crowds. The House positions were as follows:

1. AH 2. PH 3. NH 4. TH 5. RH.  
Sehaj Kaur Tiwana (VIII-N, NH) and Adesh Pratap Singh (XI-E, NH) won the PT Usha and Milkha Singh trophy respectively.



**THE WINNERS!**



**PUTTING IN THE BEST**



**GIRL POWER!**



**GET SET GO!**

# JUMP... RUN... THROW...

The 38th Yadavindrian Inter House Athletic Meet took place on the 18th and 20th of November, which was an incredible display of sportsmanship, grit and valour. The Athletic Meet concluded with a contingent of soldiers and a full marching band, which enthralled all.

**The House positions were :**

1. Aitchison House 2. Nalagarh House 3. Ranjit House 4. Tagore House 5. Patiala House. The Best Athlete of the tournament in the U-14 Boys category was Ebrahim Hassan Sofi (VIII-N, TH) and in the Girls category was Sehaj Kaur Tiwana (VIII-N, NH), whereas in the U-17 Boys category was Gurmehar Singh (IX-T, RH) and Girls category was Sehar Kiran (IX-E, TH) and in the U-19 Boys category was Adesh Pratap (XI-E) and in the Girls category was Inayat Patwalia (X-E).



**JUMPING HIGH**



**COVERING THE DISTANCE**



**BREAKING THE RECORD!**



**THE BEST ATHLETES!**



**MARCHING TO THE BEATS!**



**THE MARCH PAST TROPHY WINNERS!**



**HARD WORK  
PAYS OFF!**



# A Magical, Musical Mystique...

**The Inter-House Music Competition for Classes VI-XII was held on October 31, 2017.**

**The House positions were:**

1. AH 2. PH 3. NH 4. RH 5. TH

**Best Singers (Hindi/Classical):**

1. Kashish Khandpur (NH) XII-N  
2. Puneet Kaur Sachdeva (PH) XI-N  
3. Parul Srivastava (TH) VII-T

**Best Singers (Punjabi):**

1. Prabhnoor Kaur Chahal (AH) XII-N  
2. Armaan Singh (RH) IX-O  
3. Agamnoor Dhillon (PH) X-O

**Best Singers (Western):**

1. Kriti Sharma (AH) VIII-T  
2. Piyush Dhayani (NH) VIII-O  
3. Parth Singla (TH) VII-E

**Group Song (Western):**

1. AH 2. NH 3. TH 4. PH  
5. RH

**Group Song (Qawaali):**

1. PH 2. TH 3. AH 4. NH  
5. RH



## JIS LAHORE NAHIN VEKHYA OH JAMIYA HI NAHIN!

“Jis Lahore Nahin Vekhya Oh Jamiya Hi Nahin” was the annual production of the school this year. It is a play written by Asgar Wajahat. This play truly conveyed that humanity is the supreme Religion and brotherhood is a value that should be cherished at any cost.



The play revolves around a family which had to leave Lucknow to migrate to Lahore (presently in Pakistan) at the time of partition. When they were allotted a *haveli*, they soon realised that an old lady who was the mother of the previous owner of the house was still living in it, and was not ready to leave the house since her pleasant past memories were attached to it. After many difficulties, they decide to let her reside. The old lady soon becomes an integral part in the lives of the local residents because of her affectionate and loving nature. She distributed sweets on various festivals inspite of the hostility from others.



This gesture symbolizes victory of humanity over religious and geographical boundaries. The play beautifully reveals the tolerance, human values and compassion in society, which is the need of the hour.

The students successfully transformed into their characters and made it a visual treat for the audience. They touched everyone’s hearts with their amazing performance. Special thanks to the Director of the play, Mr. Vijay Kumar, for putting in a great effort and directing the play with a fervid passion. It surely succeeded in getting each of us to introspect and try to find the good in us.



### VOX POPULI



#### THE VOICE OF YADAVINDRIANS

#### WHAT WILL YOU MISS WHEN YOU LEAVE YPS?

**Alexia Verma (XII-E):** Early morning basketball practices!

**Inayat Brar (XII-O):** The “Good Mornings” I get after assembly everyday from my juniors.-

**Jasleen Kaur (XII-N):** Definitely the Art Room and Sukirat sir :)

**Sajneet Mangat(XII-N):** Constantly being **assumed** to be a smart kid who makes good decisions.

**Pushpak Jain (XII-E):** Boarding house and Morning PT!

**Harbir Batth (XII-O) :** I will miss all my juniors, each and every one of them.

# CONTROL...PASS...SHOOT!!!

The **Inter-House Hockey Competition** witnessed great participation from students of the Senior Wing. It was a thrilling experience to watch the enthusiastic students giving their best for their Houses. The House positions were as follows:

**U-14 BOYS:** 1. TH 2. RH 3. AH 4. NH 5. PH

**U-19 BOYS:** 1. NH 2. PH 3. TH 4. RH 5. AH

**U-19 GIRLS:** 1. TH 2. RH 3. NH 4. AH 5. PH

**The Highest Goal Scorers were:**

**U-19 (Boys):** Japtej Singh(XII-E TH)

**U-19 (Girls):** Tanya Ahuja (XII-N AH) and  
Siret Grewal (XI-N RH)

**The best goalkeepers were:**

**U-14 (Boys):** Japgun Singh (VII-T RH)

**U-19 (Boys):** Jasraj Singh (XII-E PH)

**U-19 (Girls):** Muskaan Singh (IX-T AH)

**The overall house positions were:**

1. Tagore House (14 points)
2. Nalagarh House and Ranjit House (10 points)
4. Aitchison House (6 points)
5. Patiala House (5 points)



THE PERFECT TACKLE



THE INDIVIDUAL WINNERS



SHOW OF UNBEATABLE SPIRIT

## TO BE OR NOT TO BE... -WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The **Inter-House Dramatics competition** was held on August 30, 2017. Each House was given a proverb and they had to **write and enact** a skit revolving around it. Without any doubt, this year's performances made the entire competition a huge success.

**The House positions were:** 1. Ranjit House and Tagore House 2. Aitchison House 3. Nalagarh House 4. Patiala House. **The proverbs given to them were:**

**AH:** "Every dark cloud has a silver lining."

**NH:** "Too many cooks spoil the broth."

**PH:** "Make hay while the sun shines"

**RH:** Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.

**TH:** "Empty vessels make the most noise."

**Best Actors were:**



1st Prabhme Singh Sandhu (TH) XII-O



2nd Prabhnoor Kaur Chahal (AH) XII-N



3rd Anmol Preet Singh (RH) IX-S (Left)

# मन की बात

## गुरु-शिष्य सम्बन्ध की बदलती स्थिति

"यह तन विष की बेलरी गुरु अमृत की खान,  
सीस दिए जो गुरु मिले तो भी सस्ता जान।"

भारत का गौरव शाली इतिहास साक्षी है कि गुरु-शिष्य का सम्बन्ध सब से पवित्र, सशक्त व अटूट रहा है। शिष्य अपने गुरु की प्रत्येक आज्ञा का पालन अक्षरक्षः करते थे। किन्तु आज वो गुरु अध्यापक बन चुके हैं। कई विद्यार्थी उन्हें ईश्वर समान स्थान तो क्या, न्यूनतम मात्रा में सम्मान भी नहीं दे पाते। एकलव्य ने गुरु द्रोणाचार्य के एक बार गुरुदक्षिणा माँगने पर, बिना विचार विमर्श किये, अपना अँगूठा दान में दे दिया और आज विडम्बना ऐसी है कि अध्यापक चिल्ला-चिल्ला कर गृहकार्य की पुस्तिकाएँ माँगते रह जाते हैं और विद्यार्थी वो भी देने को इच्छुक नहीं होते।

गुरु-शिष्य सम्बन्ध की बदलती स्थिति का कारण आज के युवाओं की अवसरवादिता भी है। वह विद्यालय केवल सिलेबस पूरा करने आते हैं, ज्ञान अर्जित करने नहीं। उस के लिए तो गूगल है न, जो उन्हें असीमित ज्ञान प्रदान करने की क्षमता रखता है। तभी तो वह गूगल को ही गुरु मानते हैं। किन्तु गुरु ज्ञान के साथ-साथ सत्य, विवेक, अनुशासन, न्याय व परोपकार जैसे मौलिक गुण भी सिखाते हैं। इस परिवर्तनशील युग में भी गुरु-शिष्य का सम्बन्ध बदला नहीं जा सकता क्योंकि यह मानवता के अस्तित्व के लिए अनिवार्य है।

- अभिनव प्रताप सिंह सचदेवा (१०-ओ)

## मेरे सपनों का भारत

70 वर्षों की आज़ादी के बाद भी हमारे देश में भ्रष्टाचार, महंगाई, अनैतिकता, आतंकवाद, तथा गरीबी का बोल-बाला है। नकारात्मक समाचार प्रतिदिन समाचार-पत्रों की सुर्खियों में छपते हैं। यह सब हमारे देश के विकास में बाधा है। हर भारतीय को यह समझना चाहिए कि मानवता ही विश्व सत्य है। अच्छा नागरिक तथा नेता वो ही है जो दूसरों के लिये सोचे। हर व्यक्ति के मन में यह भाव होना चाहिए कि उस से कोई ऐसा कार्य न हो जिस से दूसरों के मार्ग में अड़चन पैदा हो। मुझे तो लगता है कि विकास की धीमी गति का मुख्य कारण राज नेताओं का स्वार्थ तथा लालच है। एक प्रजा तंत्र के विकास के लिए राजनीतिज्ञों को समाज सेवकों की राय लेनी चाहिए। उन्हें यह देखना चाहिए कि प्रकृति का कण-कण हमें मानवता व परोपकार की प्रेरणा देता है। मैं तो कहता हूँ कि हम सभी को सूर्य, सरिता तथा वृक्षों की तरह दूसरों के लिए काम करना चाहिए। दूसरा मुख्य कारण है महंगाई जिस के कारण गरीबी बहुत बढ़ गयी है। घरेलू चीज़ों का दाम नित्य प्रति बढ़ रहा है। आम आदमी का जीना मुश्किल हो रहा है। जब तक हर एक नागरिक अपने अधिकारों और कर्तव्यों के प्रति जागरूक नहीं होगा तब तक मेरे सपनों का भारत नहीं बन पाएगा।

- यथार्थ रत्ती (८-ई)



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## ਉੱਪਰ ਤੋਂ ਥੱਲੇ

- ਜੇ ਹਰ ਸਮੇਂ ਬੋਲਦਾ ਰਹੇ (4)
- ਰੋਪੜ ਸਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਨਵਾਂ ਨਾਮ (5)
- ਉਹ ਥਾਂ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਸਿੱਕੇ ਘੜੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ (4)
- ਜੇ ਰੱਬ ਨੂੰ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨਦਾ (4)
- ਪਾਣੀ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥਕ (2)

## ਖੱਬੇ ਤੋਂ ਸੱਜੇ

- ਹਰ ਸਾਲ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਵਾਲਾ ਦਿਨ (3)
- ਪੰਜਾਬ ਭੇ ਕਿਸ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ (4)
- ਰੋਪੜ ਸਹਿਰ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਲੰਘਦਾ ਦਰਿਆ (4)
- ਉਠ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਨਾਰਥਕ (2)
- ਕਹਾਣੀ ਲਿਖਣ ਵਾਲਾ (5)

## ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ

ਆਓ ਬੱਚਿਓ ਸਿੱਖੀਏ ਸਾਰੇ,  
ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ।  
ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਜੱਗ ਵਿਖਾਇਆ,  
ਸਿਖਾਇਆ ਦੂਜਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਆਰ ।  
ਸਾਡੀ ਹਰ ਇੱਕ ਗੱਲ ਪੁਗਾਉਦੋ,  
ਮੂੰਹੋਂ ਕੱਢੀਏ ਜੇ ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰ ।  
ਆਓ ਬੱਚਿਓ ਸਿੱਖੀਏ ਸਾਰੇ,  
ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ।

ਬੁੱਢੇ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਹਾਰਾ ਬਣਨਾ ।  
ਭੁੱਲ ਕੇ ਵੀ ਅਪਮਾਨ ਨਾ ਕਰਨਾ ।  
ਬਿਰਧ ਆਸਰਮ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਪਵੇ ਨਾ,  
ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਤੇ ਕਰੀਏ ਵਿਚਾਰ ।  
ਆਓ ਬੱਚਿਓ ਸਿੱਖੀਏ ਸਾਰੇ,  
ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ।  
ਵੱਡੇ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਕਦੇ ਨਾ ਭੁੱਲਿਓ,  
ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਸੰਸਕਾਰ,  
ਆਓ ਬੱਚਿਓ ਸਿੱਖੀਏ ਸਾਰੇ,  
ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ।

-ਰਨਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ (ਸੱਤਵੀਂ ਟੀ)

## REJUVENATION...



ENJOYING THE WATERFALL

Trekking is everybody's favourite Activity of the year. What can be better than a journey to the mountains in the arms of nature, being in cool weather and sipping a cup of tea with friends? No matter how many times we go, trekking is an adventure which never fails to teach us one thing or the other.



CHALLENGING THE RIVER!



AT THE HILL PEAK!



READY TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN



LEARNING TO PITCH A TENT!



MILES TO GO



CROSSING THE RICKETY BRIDGE!



STOPPING BY THE WOODS!

## My Mother Nature

I love Mother Nature,  
And every creature,  
We need to appreciate it,  
but instead we are decaying it.  
With this destructive pollution,  
We need to find a permanent solution,  
Deforestation is the major cause,  
To grow a plant what does it really cost?  
So, let's not be mean,  
And make this environment green &  
clean.

**Tanvi Sharma (VI-N)**

## The Song of Nature ...

The gravel crunched under my feet  
And I could feel the cold air brush my face  
The whispering oaks were saying something to thee  
The leaves rustled and brightened thy mind  
Thou lilies singeth from thy hearts  
Why do the oaks chooseth me?  
When thee was the savior  
This pretty nature is so pleaseth  
Cleanses thy soul...  
Little mynas chirp the nature's song  
The still water feels something wrong  
Finally the oaks whisper  
"we want to live"  
Thou, who wanders here, thee should help,  
And, be the real savior

**Sanmeet Kaur Sawhney (X-N)**

# APPLYING THE SKILLS!

The Inter-House Hindi Declamation for Classes IX-XII was held on October 13, 2017.

The House positions were:

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

Best speakers were:

1. Abhinav Pratap S. Sachdeva (TH) X-O
2. Gandharv Thakur (NH) X-N
3. Rehaan Chaudhary (RH) XI-E

Consolation prizes:

- Shreya Singla (NH) IX-S  
Tanya Ahuja (AH) XII-N



SPEAKING SKILLS



LET'S DEBATE

The Inter-House Turn Coat/Extempore was held on October 25, 2017 for classes VI-VIII.

The House positions were:

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

Best speakers were

1. Aarush Singh (PH) VII-O
2. Rishul Arora (RH) VI-O  
Tanisha Narang (PH) VIII-E
3. Jasraj Singh (TH) VII-O



DIRECTOR'S DIRECTIONS

The Inter-House G.K. Quiz for classes IX-XII was held on November 1, 2017.

The House positions were:

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



QUIZZING SKILLS!

## PARENTS

For us, they are god,  
For us, they are lord,  
For us, they are stars,  
For us they are beautiful flowers,  
Caring for us, feeding us.  
A difficult work to do,  
So let's have the ability,  
To do what they want us to do,  
They mean to make our lives,  
A bed full of roses.  
They are connected to god,  
Who have sent their soul,  
Down to earth,  
Where they have grown.  
The best way to thank them,  
Is to wish them well.  
They should feel the warmth  
Down in everybody's call.

Jasmehar Kaur Sawhney (VII-T)

## BUDDING ARTISTS!



GUNJAN VIII-T



LAKSHAY VI-E



GURNAMAN VI-T



TANUSHREE VIII-E

- Indian Music Choir represented YPS for the campaign “Rally for Rivers” at Tagore Theatre.
- An interactive session with a renowned author Ms. Chatura Rao was organized by Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. for the children of Classes IV and V.
- A special assembly to celebrate Dusshera was held on 27 September.
- Junior Wing staged its Annual Play “Hide and Seek” at Tagore Theater on 12 October.
- The students of Classes IV and V went for Treks from 14th -16th October, 17.
- Class III had their Thematic Assembly “Save our Rivers” on 10th November, 2017.
- Athletic Meet started on 13th November, 2017.
- A special assembly was held to celebrate Children’s Day on 14th November, 2017. A fun filled act by the teachers followed by a Midget Performance sent the children into giggles, making it a memorable event.



Off we go in search of the Dragon!



The Knight slays the Dragon.



...and they became Midgets on Children’s Day!!!

### Annual Play - Hide and Seek

This year’s annual production of YPS Junior Wing ‘Hide and Seek’ was the story of two unlikely friends - Hide, a friendly dragon and Seek, an inquisitive and adventurous girl. The play unfolded to tell us how their trust and friendship broke stereotypes and rose above all prejudices. The play was about the society’s discovery that it was high time we let go of our misplaced beliefs of trusting appearances and legends blindly. And, if we manage to do that, we could live in harmony with nature and all its creatures.

### What the students have to say...

1. I was curious to know the name of the play and excited for the practice to begin! After a few days I got to know my role which was that of Jen, an assistant to the Mayor. I liked my role. I was happy that I was in the Theatre group. We had a lot of fun during practice. I learnt new things like meditation to compose myself. The best part of the play was making new friends and sharing our snacks. -Arshiya Surya (V-T)
2. I was selected for the Dragon Dance. I had to wear a dragon’s costume which had a tail, wings and claws. My parents told me that the play was nice and interesting. I think it was the best play ever. I am grateful to God that I got an opportunity to participate in the play. - Pavni (V-T)

3. I was scared and nervous about the auditions. I was overjoyed when I was selected in the choir. We learnt eight songs and had a lot of fun. Even though I was in the choir, I learnt many new things from theatre.

The best thing was that the choir wore ‘kimonos’.

– Erleen (V-N)

## Interview with Chatura Rao

### 1. Define Chatura in a few words.

‘Always under construction, I always try to improve on my weaknesses and mistakes.’

### 2. Which was your first book to be published?

It was ‘The Case of the disappearing colour’. It is also a Scholastic book. It is about a young girl, who is 10 or 11 years old. It is about the many adventures that she undertakes to search for the lost colour.

### 3. What were your distractions while writing your stories?

The main distractions were the family responsibilities- as a mother and because of all the people in our family. But in the same environment, I was also able to write because of all the inspiration I got from them.

### 4. Does daydreaming help while writing stories?

Yes, it helps. After sometime you learn the art of doing it purposely. You basically keep the story in the back of your head, so that when you are lost in your own dreams, you begin to add on to the story.

### 5. What do you do when you are exhausted of ideas?

I try to travel and watch inspiring movies. Some people who inspire me are my friends, and they always help me with their ideas. Then I get some new ideas again.

### 6. Tell us about your relationship with your sister with whom you wrote this book?

My relationship with my sister has always been challenging for me. We are very different. My sister has always been the sporty type. I am much quieter than she is. I have realised that she completes me. If I were ever in trouble, I know she would be there for me.

### 7. What is your idea of relaxation?

My idea of relaxation is reading books and watching movies.

### 8. If a genie granted you a wish, what would that be?

One of my children is 16 ½ years old and the younger one is 12. I would want them to be successful and reach the highest –as much as they can.

### 9. What is your advice for budding writers?

My advice is – stay off the phone and try to stay far from social media. Be really alert and aware of your surroundings. Try to interact with other people, and listen to their ideas.

-Anhad Singh Khatumria (V O), Arshiya Surya (V T), Bhavnoor Kaur Cheema (V N)



YPS for “Rally for Rivers” at Tagore Theatre.



Rising Phoenix  
by Aadeshwar (II-S)



Observation Drawing  
by Antara (V-S)

# WRITER'S CORNER

## The Pets in the Dream

I have a little dog called Scoop and a cat Annalee,  
The other night I had a dream, about both of them and me.  
I dreamed that I had shrunk and shrunk,  
And I was as little as I could be,  
On the other hand Scoop had grown much bigger and so had Annalee!!!  
Scoop pulled at my legs and ticked my neck,  
While she lifted me up 'round the middle, that enormous Annalee!!!  
They pulled my hair and my nose,  
They tweaked my ears with glee...  
That monster by the name of Scoop  
That monster Annalee...  
When I asked them why they did these things to me???  
"We were only teasing you," said Scoop and Annalee.

- *Roop Kiran Kaur Virk (V-S)*

## Trek-O-Mania

Here comes the time of the year,  
When treks are near...  
We wait for it the whole year long,  
And feel like singing a song!  
There is going to be fun,  
In the hills and under the sun!  
Teachers have taken care of all the nitty-gritties,  
And now we await the different activities...  
My friends and I have planned a bash,  
But we promise not be rash!!!  
We will bring loads of memories,  
And promise to live on our camaraderies...

- *Anhar Sandhu (V-N)*



**Celebrating Baisakhi by  
Jugaad (II-O)**



**The Phoenix by  
Akshit (II-S)**

## An Ode to my squirrel Jack-

### He is never going to come back to me...

He's gone, He's gone, He's gone...

He's gone to his country,

He is now free and he is never going to come back to me!!!

He'll live on the trees,

Eat fruits and leaves,

He'll make his own family,

He is now free and he is never going to come back to me!!!

- *Sara Dutt (II-N)*

## Do you like Mysteries?'Cos here's one!!!

It was in an outdated newspaper. A criminal had been caught. He was wanted in all of Asia and had been caught at a function, slipping unnoticed behind people and dipping his hands in their pockets, slitting the bottoms of purses, nicking wallets and that sort of petty stuff. I wondered why he was wanted in all of Asia for such small stuff (I mean, this was something every fifth beggar on the streets did. You can't really want someone that much for something like this). Then I suddenly noticed my fingers covering few lines. I removed it, and immediately wished I hadn't. It was a list of other crimes that man had committed, which I don't wish to name. There was a picture of him in the corner. He had slightly dark skin on his forehead, light brown eyes and the rest was thousands of scars. It all came back to me suddenly. I was reading about the same criminal who had been executed yesterday! I heard my mother calling me, telling me to accompany her to the market. Five minutes later I was walking along a footpath when I noticed a man with his face covered with a piece of black cloth standing between two shops. Suddenly, the black cloth fell from his face and before he could retrieve it, I got a brief glimpse of his face. God, he looked lick to lick like the criminal in the newspaper. I mean, EXACTLY. Get-ting my point?

- *Antara (V-S)*

# Trekking Opines

We reached Nature Treat Camp around 11 am. We had breakfast and the teachers allotted us the cottages in which we would be staying. Luckily I was given a double decker cottage along with five of my friends. After some time we did activities like Burma Bridge and ladder crossing. It took us a long time to complete these complicated tasks. The next day we went for a long walk in the hills to see the Shiv Mandir. After this we again had some activities. It was a tiring day. We quickly ate our dinner and went to sleep. We woke up refreshed the next morning and did activities like Archery and Shooting. After these fun activities we had lunch and sat in the buses to go home. On the way, we had a delicious meal at Mc Donalds.

- **Mansimar Singh (V-T)**

I went to Sanawar Nature Camp on 14 October and came back on 16 October. We stayed there in a cottage. We did various activities like Zip Lining, Valley Crossing and Burma Bridge. We also played games and saw Bahubali 2. We got tasty food to eat. I enjoyed my first trek a lot. – **Manveer (IV-N)**

I woke up excited on the day we had to go for our trek. We boarded the buses at school and reached Oakwood Hamlet in the afternoon. We did many adventurous activities like Commando Net and Bridge Crossing. Bridge Crossing was a bit scary. The next day we did activities like Commando Net and Bridge Crossing. Bridge Crossing was a bit scary. The next day we did Rappelling and Bamboo Bridge. At night we danced around a bonfire, sang songs and performed skits. We came back home the next day after having enjoyed a lot. - **Gursimar Kaur (IV-O)**

We boarded the bus on 14 October for Shimla hills. My mother had packed breakfast for me and I enjoyed it with my friends.

We stopped on the way for snacks too. Some children slept in the bus, others chatted busily. We enjoyed the scenic beauty outside. At last we reached our destination. We did many activities such as trekking, Burma Bridge, Commando Net, Zip Lining, River Crossing and Mowgli Walk. I really enjoyed Rock Climbing and Rappelling. The food there was yummy. I loved eating the bread pakoras. They were amazing! On the last night we performed skits and my group came first. We came back home on 14 October. It was a great and adventurous experience.

- **Adityaraj Singh(V-E)**



**Trekking all the way! by Rishabh (IV-T)**



**Cottages at my Camp by Uday Karan (V-N)**



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