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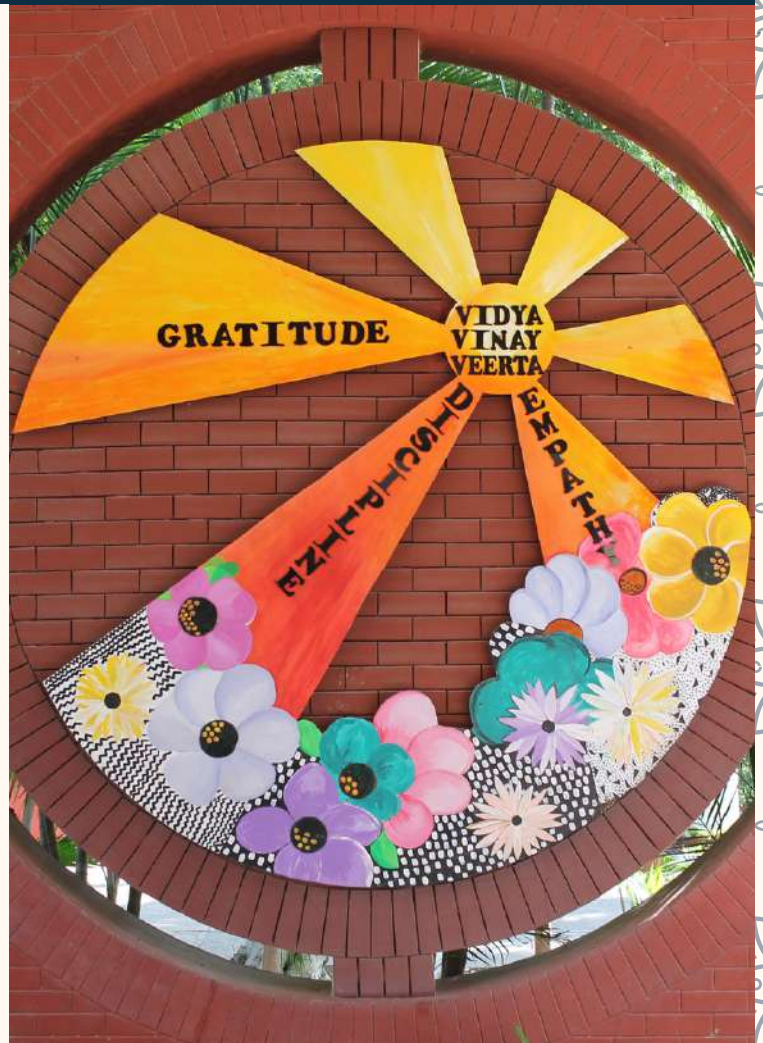
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# Editorial

## Reflections

The year 2023 passed with the whole world celebrating to welcome the new year with treasures of opportunities and bundles of happiness. However, amidst all of this, we forgot the most important thing. You see, years pass by, we grow older, situations change, but everything else, continues like a constant stream of water that follows us throughout.

We Gen Z's live in a world where social media becomes an addiction and social groups, a ground for conflicts. Where love doesn't seem to go beyond trust issues, and effort in any relationship just slips down the slide with every little mistake. Is this what we really want to choose for ourselves?

Life is supposed to be full of learning, adventure and novelty in its every beautiful phase. With all the glory that's imbued in this sentence, we overlook that learning is always accompanied by mistakes, and adventure, always with its risks. As much as we want all of it, we only want the better bit.

But since we are told that realities are harsh, we never stood in front of the mirror to ask, "Really? Are they really harsh? Or just hard to accept?"

As you scroll through these pages of nostalgia, I hope you look into that stream and relive all of your best moments. I hope you enter this year with positivity, love, and abundance of gratitude for everybody around you.

Regards,  
Editor-in-Chief

*Jasreen Kaur*



# Inauguration of Sports Complex

The renovated sports complex, was unveiled on 23rd December 2023, by the school chairman, Raja Malvinder Singh Ji. Among them are a new squash court, a versatile Futsal court which can be used for football and handball, two tennis courts, a golf green, a six-a-side hockey turf, eight cricket pitches with nets, and three basketball courts. The cutting-edge facilities kicked off with spirited matches between former Yadavindrians and the current school teams.



Highlights included a captivating hockey match featuring staff members and the present boys' hockey team, a competitive cricket clash between OYA members and the current boys' cricket team, and an exhilarating basketball showdown between OYA members and the present basketball team. This event signals the dawn of a new era of heightened sports engagement within the school community.



# Annual Academic Day

This year's Annual Academic Day held on 21st October 2023 was graced by the School Chairman, Raja Malvinder Singh ji, and Rani Harpriya Kaur ji, our distinguished Board of Governors and OYA (Old Yadavindrian Association) members. The school invited students and their parents to receive prizes for their exceptional performance in the session 2022-23. The school choir evoked the blessings of the almighty with a soulful shabad. The Director then presented the Annual Report and the chief guest, Raja Malvinder Singh ji awarded the academic achievers (ICSE & ISC) for the session 2022-23. The Best Orator Trophy was given to Jasmine Kahlon, while the most awaited house trophies were awarded to the following-

- IH Music Trophy** - Aitchison House
- IH Arts Trophy** - Tagore House
- IH Quiz Trophy** - Ranjit & Tagore House
- IH Literary Trophy** - Ranjit House
- IH Declamation Trophy** - Patiala House
- IH Debate Trophy** - Nalagarh House
- Overall Co-curricular Trophy** - Nalagarh House
- IH best in Academics Trophy** - Nalagarh House



The event was a momentous celebration as it marked the premiere of our School Western Orchestra, setting the stage for an evening filled with electrifying Bhangra and Giddha performances by the dynamic dancers. The zenith of the festivities occurred with the grand unveiling of the much-anticipated 2023 edition of The Yadavindrian (Yearbook) by the distinguished chief guest, adding an extra layer of significance and excitement to the memorable occasion.



# YPS Hosts

## 6th IT Fest

YPS, Mohali hosted the Sixth Inter-School IT Fest on 14th October 2023. Over a hundred participants from 13 Tricity schools showcased their IT skills across 7 categories, including Web Virtuoso, Code-A-Thon, Gaming Wizard, and Robothon.



The event was adjudged by: Dr. Jasleen K. Bains, Assistant Professor at Panjab University; Mr. Jitender S. Virk, Group Engineering Manager at Orbit and Skyline India Pvt. Ltd; and Ms. Nishu Bansal, Asst. Prof. at Chandigarh University. St. Stephen's School, Chd. were declared the overall winners.

## U-14 IPSC Girls - Basketball



YPS, Mohali hosted the IPSC (Indian Public Schools Conference) Basketball Tournament for U-14 Girls from 23rd October to 26th October 2023. 17 schools from across the country participated. This was the second time YPS Mohali hosted the IPSC. The Emerald Heights International School, Indore defeated YPS, Mohali in the finals and won the title. Pinegrove School, Solan won the hardliner match and secured the third position. The highest scorer of the tournament was Avantika (96 Points), of YPS, Mohali. 12 players from the tournament from all teams combined were selected to represent IPSC at the SGFI National Games.

# Military Literature Festival

The Military Literature Festival, a collaborative effort by the Punjab government and Western Command, unfolded as a profound tribute to the unwavering courage of our ancestors. Hosted at the prestigious Chandigarh's Lake Club, the festival held a paramount objective: to enlighten students about the realm of military literature and contemporary affairs. Carrying the overarching theme 'The World in Turmoil,' this grand event had interesting panel discussions featuring distinguished guests and recipients of gallantry awards. The narratives shared by Param Veer and Maha Veer Chakra Awardees served as moving reminders of the profound sacrifices made by the armed forces.

Functioning as a living classroom, the festival served as a platform to delve into the intricate landscapes of military matters, national security, and geopolitical issues. Engaging discussions not only explored historical events but also ventured into the trajectory of India's economic and military prowess. The event went beyond the realms of academia, placing a strong emphasis on instilling discipline and military ethos through direct interactions with esteemed army officers. Adding a cinematic dimension to the experience, The Clarion Call Theatre curated and screened movies that vividly portrayed the valor and heroism of the Indian armed forces.

Steeped in significance, the Military Literature Festival, orchestrated under the MLF Association, transcended the confines of a mere event; it metamorphosed into a sacred pilgrimage through the annals of our nation's history. It fervently encouraged participants to evolve into informed citizens, advocating unwavering support for the armed forces. Spearheaded by our esteemed Director, the experience etches itself as a cornerstone in shaping the distinctive educational journey at YPS.



# Annual Tours

Diversifying the educational escapades, adverse weather conditions prompted a strategic shift in plans, leading to a tour program involving around 1000 students and 50 teachers. The groups explored a variety of destinations including Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, and Bhopal. Each location became a classroom without walls, offering students a vibrant tapestry of cultural exposure, historical insights, and geographical wonders. From camel and jeep safaris in the Thar desert to experiencing the central latitude of India at the Tropic of Cancer and exploring landmarks such as the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun and the Sanchi Stupa in Bhopal, Yadavindrians enjoyed their trips to the fullest. These educational tours enriched the students' understanding of their country's history and diverse landscapes.



# Inter School Co-Curriculars

## The MU20 Summit



YPS team engaged in extensive challenges and seminars held at Emerald Heights International School and NMIMS, Indore. The achievements are as under-

1. Entrepreneurship Challenge: Both teams comprising Bandana Singh, Gurjagot Singh and Shehraz Singh and Manraj Singh Bhullar, Prathamveer Singh Chahal, Daivik Sharma won "Best Entrepreneurship Team" Trophy and received Investment offers for their Business Ideas.
2. Naysa Singh (XI-O): Best Stakeholder Group, awarded a Medal.
3. Jasreen Kaur (XII-N): High Commendation in IC RISE committee, Best Stakeholder Group in Presentation round, selected for MU20x.
4. Hunnardeep (XI-O): Second position in Parliamentary debate.
5. Bhavnoor Kaur (XI-N): First place in Presidential debate.
6. Pariyat Singh (XI-N): Verbal Mention in UNODC (MUN).
7. Theatrics team: Verbal Mention in Impromptu Challenge.

### Master's Union CEO Challenge S2

Manraj S. Bhullar (XII-E) successfully advanced through the competitive rounds of the CEO Challenge Season 2. His presentation was selected to be broadcasted on national TV and YouTube. He received a grant of 1.25 lakhs for his startup- Kshira.



### Nanhi Chhan Essay Writing Competition

The Nanhi Chhaan Foundation organized an Essay Writing Competition for the top 30 essay writers in India. Representatives from YPS Mohali, namely Prathamveer S. Chahal (XI-E) and Gurteshwar S. Brar (X-N), participated in various events and challenges during their stay at NIIT University in Neemrana, Rajasthan. Pratham secured the first place in the Trek Challenge, while Gurteshwar excelled in the Presentation Challenge. Additionally, a seedling planting ceremony took place, allowing both students to plant seedlings as a lasting memory of their enriching experience.



# Inter School Co-Curriculars

## Sanawar Literary Fest

The prestigious Sanawar Literary Fest, held from 18th to 19th December 2023, was an enriching event showcasing diverse talents. Ipsita Kaur from X-O, won the esteemed Basantar Memorial English Declamation Trophy. Ad-A-Jingle witnessed Rabbani Gaba (VIII-N) securing the Second position, displaying remarkable creativity. Milinda Angel (XI-O) made a mark in the Poster-Making Competition, clinching the Third position. Notably, YPS, Mohali, emerged as the Overall Winners, underscoring their collective excellence. This fest not only celebrated literary prowess but also fostered a spirit of healthy competition among participants.



## IPSC Leadership Conclave

The IPSC Students Conclave was hosted by Rajmata Krishna Kumari School, Jodhpur from 18th to 20th December 2023. A perfect balance was struck between rejuvenating activities and meaningful addresses by some of the most qualified and experienced experts.

The conclave was held across three days at RKK campus, and threw light upon the role of a leader. Several activities were conducted. A grilling quiz took place in two phases where YPS lifted the trophy. Students visited the iconic Mehrangarh Fort and Umaid Bhawan Palace. Yoga and meditation sessions took place and students received captivating talks on cyber safety. They further had a self defence activity and received engaging speeches from influential and inspiring personalities. It was an immersive learning experience, one which our students enjoyed thoroughly.



# Inter School Sports

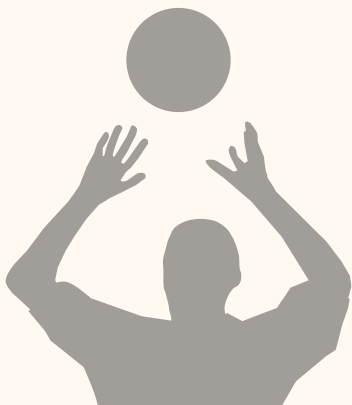
## ATHLETICS

58th All India IPSC Athletic Meet (U-19 Boys and Girls) held at Punjab Public School, Nabha from 19 – 21 October 2023.



## CRICKET

IPSC Cricket Under 14 Boys held at BK Birla Centre of Education, Pune from 31 Oct – 5 Nov 2023  
YPS, Mohali Stood Runner's Up.



## TENNIS

All India IPSC Tennis Tournament for Under-14 and 17 girls, held at Daly College, Indore from 19 October to 22 October 2023. Results of the tournament are as follows:

Team Event, Under 17 Girls, YPS, Mohali won Second Position in the Tournament. Team Event, Under 14 Girls, YPS Mohali won Second Position in the Tournament. Both teams received Silver Medal and Runners up Trophy.



## CRICKET

IPSC Cricket (Six-a-side) Under 17 Boys held at Daly College, Indore from 16 – 18 Oct 2023  
YPS, Mohali Stood at Third Place.



## SHOOTING

All India IPSC Shooting Championship U-19 Girls held at Daly College, Indore from 19 – 22 October 2023. Surveen Gill (XII-N) won Gold Medal in 10 Meter Peep Sight, (U-19).

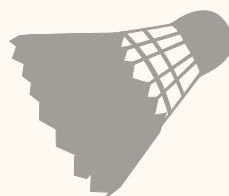


KSS inter-School National Shooting Championship held at Kufri from 8 – 15 October 2023  
Surveen Gill (XII-N) won Gold in 10 Meter Air Rifle in Under 19 Girls Category.



## CRICKET

IPSC Cricket Under 17 Boys held at YPS, Patiala from 1 – 5 Oct 2023. YPS, Mohali Stood at Fourth Place.



# Inter School Sports



## BASKETBALL

9th Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Tournament 2023-24 was organized by Vivek High School Mohali from 14th to 20th October 2023.

Yadavindra Public School Mohali Declared 2nd RUNNERS-UP in the tournament

67th Punjab School Games Basketball Tournament U-17 Girls held at Kapurthala from 28 – 30 November 2023

Mohali Team stood Runners' Up.

## GOLF

MGR GOLF CUP 2023, 5 NOV 2023.

Yadavindra Public School, Mohali has won the Inter-School MGR Golf Cup 2023

## HORSE RIDING

National Qualifiers held at Verdinand Equestrian Academy, New Delhi from 3 October to 8 October, 2023.

Hridayjeet Singh (X) won a Gold Medal in the Junior Dressage event.

Junior National Equestrian Championship, 2023 held at the Army Service Corps Riding

and Polo Academy from 19 December to 30 December, 2023. Hridayjeet Singh (X) won Silver Medal in the Showjumping event in the Junior Category.



## GYMNASTICS

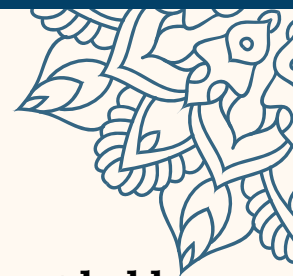
Khedan Wathan Punjab Dia Gymnastics Tournament held at GMADA Sports Complex Mohali from 10 – 15 Oct 2023

Seerat Anand (7-S) Silver in Team Category and Bronze in Individual category in the event Hoop in the category of U-14 Girls.

67 TH National School Games, Gymnastics Championships held at New Delhi from 15 – 22 December 2023. Seerat Anand (7-S) is selected to represent Punjab State at 67 th National School Games.

67 th Punjab School Games Gymnastics Championship, held at Patiala from 7 – 8 Nov 2023.

Seerat Anand (7-S) won Silver in Team Event and Bronze in individual Ribbon Event in the category of U-14 Girls. She represented Mohali District.



# Inter School Sports



## 67th U17 Girls Punjab Cricket States Tournament held at Fatehgarh Sahib

YPS Team comprising Naysa Singh, Tarandeep Kaur Rathore, Japnur Kaur Sibia and Yashita Ratti, stood first.

## 98th Open Punjab Junior & Senior Athletics Championship held at Sangrur

Jasnoor Singh Dhaliwal stood third in High Jump in U-18B category while Japleen Kaur Dhaliwal was selected for the North-Zonal competition.



## Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan, District Level Games held at GMADA Sports Complex, Mohali

Jasnoor Singh Dhaliwal and Japleen Kaur Dhaliwal of XII-O stood first in High Jump in U-21B and U-21G categories respectively.

## Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan Under 17 and 14 Girls Punjab State Basketball Championship, held at Ludhiana

Amitoz Kaur (IX-N), Samrath Gill (IX-T), Ananya Gupta (IX-E), Samaira Singh (IX-E), Nimar SehDave (IX-S) stood IIIrd in the competition in the U-17 event while Avantika (VII-E), Prabhnoor Kaur (VIII-S), Ojasvi Vasisht (VII-S) stood third in the U-14 event.



67th Punjab State School Games (Inter-District) Athletic Meet 2023, held at War Heroes Stadium, Sangrur from 1st to 3rd November 2023. Japleen Kaur Dhaliwal (XII-O) and Jasnoor Singh Dhaliwal (XII-O) won Silver Medal in High Jump Under 19 Girls and Boys Category respectively.



The event was Organized by Vivek High School, Mohali from 14th to 20th October 2023. YPS, Mohali was declared 2nd runners-up in the tournament

IPSC Athletics Trials for SGFI National School Games held at MNSS Rai on 17th November, 2023. Keeratvir Singh Sra (IX-S) participated and selected to represent IPSC at 67th National School Games in High Jump U-17B Category.

Mohali District Athletic Meet was held at GMADA Sports Complex from 12th to 14th December. Harnaaz Kaur (Class 1) won a Silver Medal in 60m in U-8 Girls category.

Keeratvir Singh Sra (9-S) Won Gold Medal in High Jump and Bronze Medal in 200m in U-17 Boys category.



# Inter House Co-Curriculars

## IH Science Quiz (VI-VIII)

Held on: 6th December 2023.

House positions:

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



## IH English Poetry Recitation(VI-VIII)

Held on: 29th November 2023

House positions:

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



## IH Maths Quiz(VI-VIII)

Held on: 13th December 2023. Nalagarh house broke a school record in the rapid fire round.

House positions:

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



## IH Music Competition(VI-XII)

Held on: 20th December 2023

House positions:

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



### Punjabi Solo:

- 1.Ruhani Pasrija - TH
2. Ishwraa Mangat - NH
3. Gurasis Singh Arora - RH



### Hindi Solo:

1. Taniskha Matharu - AH
2. Mishti - TH
3. Jasnoor S. Dhaliwal - NH



### Western Group Song:

1. TH
2. AH
3. RH

## IH Bilingual Turncoat(VI-VIII)

Held on: 8th November 2023.

House positions:

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





# Cross Country



The Inter-House Cross Country event witnessed an overwhelming display of enthusiasm as all students eagerly participated. Aitchison House emerged as the undisputed Overall Winner, seizing the coveted Cross Country Trophy. Jaanveer S. Sandhu (XII-N) was honoured with the prestigious Milkha Singh Trophy, and Jasnoor Kaur (XII-O) was the recipient of the esteemed PT Usha Trophy.



# Inter House Athletic Meet & Annual Sports Day

## Inter-House Athletic Meet held on 20th - 25th November

The Athletic Meet featured electrifying displays of sportsmanship, fierce competition, and united athletic determination. While all the houses competed with immense enthusiasm, Aitchison House bagged the Champions' Trophy. New events like the mixed relay and triple jump were introduced, complemented by an award for the 'Most Promising Athlete'.



Anticipation and excitement reached its zenith on the much-awaited Annual Sports Day, held with grandeur on November 25, 2023. The event marked a celebration of exceptional achievements, with students who had showcased outstanding performances at both state and national levels being honoured with the prestigious school colours. The recognition of excellence extended to house captains, who proudly received trophies for their respective sports events.

In a riveting climax, Patiala House emerged victorious, clinching the Overall Sports Trophy. The accolades and triumphs of this memorable day not only honoured our students but also highlighted the collective spirit and athletic talent of the school community.



# Workshops



Ms. Gurpreet Viridi, an alumna of the 2000 ICSE batch, provided valuable guidance to students on career opportunities in the field of software engineering and artificial intelligence. She underscored the role of YPS Mohali and the teaching staff in leading her to significant career achievements.

A distinguished ISRO official, Mr. Manish Gupta, conducted an informative workshop for students in classes IX-XII. The workshop aimed to showcase ISRO's mission and provide students with insights into diverse career opportunities within the Astronautical Industry.



# Special Assemblies



The festival of lights was celebrated with a melodious song performance by the school choir and a speech. A graceful Kathak was performed by Vani Bharadwaj (VIII), captivating the audience with her intricate dance moves. The festival, from the enchanting The soulful Kathak and the choir performance, left an indelible mark,



To commemorate Children's day, the teachers presented an entertaining skit displaying the typical hilarious behavior of students. They performed a beautifully choreographed 'Giddha' as well



# Mutthi Bhar Anaaj 2.0

To commemorate AFS India's 18th anniversary, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali took part in the Mutthi Bhar Anaaj 2.0 donation drive. Between November 19th and 22nd, the students of YPS Mohali exhibited remarkable enthusiasm, collectively contributing a substantial **338kg** of sugar and rice. This benevolent effort aimed at aiding those in need reached its peak on November 24th, 2023, when the collected donations were distributed to two orphanages: Guru Aasra Trust Ophanage(sector-55) and Guru Aasra Trust Ophanage(sector-78). The drive not only showcased the altruistic spirit of the students but also underscored the impact of community-driven initiatives in fostering compassion and support for the less fortunate.





# Junior Wing Report

## Co-Curriculars



### Inter-House Hindi Poetry Recitation-6 Oct

The students recited poems of different genres which were thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. Ms.Nanak Kaur and Ms Sumiti judged the competition. The winners were

Ist: Kovidh Arora (V-T) (PH)

IIInd: Nyra Harjai (V-N) (AH)

IIIrd: Gurnoor Sidhu (V-O) (NH)



### Spin A Yarn-16 Nov

The students enthralled the audience by concocting the stories with a wealth of gestures, expressions and narrative skills. The winners were:

Ist- Kananpreet (V-T), Triaksha (V-S), Gurnaaz (IV-T)

IIInd- Penaaz (V-E), Kyra (V-T) and Amreen Tung (IV-N)

IIIrd- Eeshan (V-E), Ruhaan (V-E) and Ishtwinder (V-T)



### English Debate Class V-14 Dec

Participants enthusiastically embraced the challenge, showcasing their newfound abilities to articulate compelling arguments. The competition not only nurtured their public speaking talents but also instilled a sense of accomplishment and motivation for future debates.



### ACHIEVERS BEYOND SCHOOL

#### Art Competition held at Doon Public School on 1st December

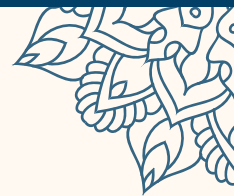
Ten students from classes I to V actively participated in the event, and amidst the talented participants, Jorawar Singh of class II-E brought immense pride to the school by clinching the well-deserved third prize.



### JW Tours – Oct 23 to Oct 27

The students of Classes IV-V went on a three-day trip to Jaipur. They visited famous historical monuments, palaces, and Chowki Dhani. The students brought home, a spectrum of memories to last a lifetime.





# Competing Colours

## Athletic Meet



The Annual Athletic meet was organised at class levels with different categories for boys and girls.

Among the boys, the 'Best Athlete' trophy was won by Nimansh (class I), Eehaan Sharma (class II), Anantbeer Singh Dhaliwal (class III), Digvijay Singh Sidhu (class IV), and Udaybir Singh Bhinder (class V).

Among the girls, the 'Best Athlete trophy was bagged by Arzalia (class I), Amaria Singh (class II), Nimat Kaur (class III), Vanya Mehta (class IV) and Eshana Rana (class V)

Nalagarh House had the highest House points at the Junior Wing Level.



## Cross Country



The Annual Inter-House Cross-Country was held on 4th November, saw the participation of 1000 Yadavindraians. In the class V (boys) category, the first 3 positions went to Manvijay S. Sidhu, Angad Kang and Parikshit respectively. Among class V (girls), Hasita Bansal, Eshana Rana and Aav Sidhu were the top three athletes. Running their maiden Cross Country, Samrath Sandhu, Digvijay and Shahveer won the first three positions among Class IV (Boys) category. Vanya Mehta, Ayanna Singh and Aaradhya Singh bagged the first three positions among the Class IV (Girls).

# J.W. Special Assemblies

## Gandhi Jayanti - Sept 29

Nyra and Inayat from Class V mesmerized the audience with the song 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram.' All the other components of the assembly, the prayer, thought of the day, value and the speech drove home the principles of Gandhiji.



## Dussehra Assembly - 20 Oct

The Festival of Victory of 'Good over Evil' was celebrated with a foot tapping orchestra on the song titled 'Jab Jab Ravan Jaise Dushman'. Adding to the energy quotient were two dance performances.



## Diwali Assembly - 9 Nov

Bringing home the spirit of Diwali, looking attractive in Indian ethnic attire, two dance troupes from Class IV performed a dance on 'Deepawali Gali Gali' and on 'Mere Tumhare Sabke Liye Happy Diwali' followed by an English song 'It's Diwali'.



## Children's Day - 14 Nov

Dressed as children, the teachers dedicated this special day to the students. They presented a medley of songs, a skit recounting the tours and a dance performance on peppy songs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event.



## Gurupurab and Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji Shahidi Diwas - 24 Nov

To celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the rendition of the Shabad 'Aar Nanak Paar Nanak' brought feelings of positivity among the students. A speech outlining the supreme sacrifice of Guru Teg Bahadur ji was also given to mark this solemn occasion.



## Annual Academic Day - Oct 21

The Junior Wing presentation comprising of a song, a medley of dances and a Rhythmic Yoga enthralled the audience. Darshveer Singh and Vanya Mehta won the coveted Mrinal Dutta Trophy for being the best All Round Student of the Year in Class III.



## Maths Project Day- 9 Dec

The Annual Maths Project Day was celebrated with a display of charts and models based on concepts and application of skills learnt in Maths. Apart from the impressive display, the Hindi Song 'Maths Hai sabse Cool'. Rhythmic Yoga presentation depicting shapes and symmetry were the highlight of the event.



# Kindergarten Report



## Diwali Special Assembly

Diwali Celebration held on 9th November, was a vibrant affair. The special assembly featured toddlers cheering, creating a joyful atmosphere. Students' crafted decorations adorned the corridors, enhancing the visual delight of the festival.

## Gurpurab Special Assembly

The Special Assembly commemorated the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji. It was a beautiful tribute to his teachings and legacy. The performance of *Shabad*, created a deeply reverent atmosphere.



## Talent Show

The Talent Show held on 22nd November was a magnificent display of diverse skills and creativity. Students from all levels, presented a variety of performances. From musical performances to embodying favorite characters.

## Annual Sports Meet

The Sports Meet was held from 14th to 17th November. The nursery students engaged in a thrilling 30-meter sprint and a bear race while the LKG students showcased their skills in 40-meter Dash and Obstacle courses. The UKG participants competed in events ranging from the 50-meter race to Obstacle challenges, as well. The winners were honoured with certificates.



# Boarding House Report

All the Boarding House students had trained hard for the Cross Country and Athletic Meet from September onwards. Their hard work paid off with many of them coming first in their respective Cross Country Races. Jaanveer Singh Sandhu, the Boarding House Captain, made everyone proud by winning the 'Milkha Singh Trophy' awarded in the U-19 Boys category. It was an opportunity for celebration and inspiration to perform well at the Athletic Meet too, where again they participated enthusiastically and won many medals, with Jaanveer being awarded the "Most Promising Athlete" this time. The Boarding House routine of morning PT, Yoga and Horse Riding classes continued along with supplementary study sessions and preparation for various Inter House Co-curricular Events. A visit to Gurudwara Amb Sahib was organized on Gurupurab and the boarders of Classes VIII, IX and XI also attended the Military Literature Festival at Sukhna Lake. A fun outing at Elante provided the learning opportunity to interact with their firefighting team and learn the basics of fire safety. The end of December has brought with it not only the joy of the upcoming winter vacations but also the realization that the time to bid farewell to the Class XII seniors is near.



# Writer's Corner

## The Epsom Riots

The Epsom riot took place on 17 June 1919 when between 300 and 800 soldiers of the Canadian Army rioted and attacked the police station in Epsom in Surrey, England. With the First World War over, discipline at Canadian camps was relaxed. Delays in repatriation caused discontent among Canadian troops. The riot began when two Canadian servicemen were arrested following a disturbance at a local public house. Their comrades marched on the town police station to demand their release. In the ensuing fighting, Private Allan McMaster, a former blacksmith, picked up a metal bar and struck Station Sergeant Thomas Green (pictured), a British police officer, on the head. Green died the following day. Several men, including McMaster, appeared in court, were found guilty of rioting but acquitted of manslaughter, and served several months in prison. Ten years after returning to Canada, McMaster confessed to the killing. As he had already been found not guilty of manslaughter, he was not returned to the UK.

**Udham Singh Virk (V-S)**

## A Dream I Had

One night I had a very amazing dream. I dreamt that I was floating in space near the moon. The Earth was very far away and looked like a blue and a green marble. I was wearing a space suit and a helmet with a big glass window. I could see so many stars and planets shining all around me. The moon's surface had craters, mountains, valleys, and plains. I was enjoying this feeling of floating in the space without any gravity as it felt like swimming in the air.

I woke up feeling very excited and inspired. I told my whole family about my dream. I want to explore the outer space and discover new things about the universe. I hope that one day my dream comes true, and I get to become an astronaut.

**Ganeev Kaur Chopra (II-E)**

## The Best Day Of My Life

About two years ago, I visited the Gurudwara Saragarhi Sahib at Ferozepur in Punjab. It was established to remember and honour the brave martyrs of the Battle of Saragarhi which was fought in 1897. More than 10,000 Afghans and Pathans attacked Fort Saragarhi in order to capture it from British India. There were only 21 Sikh soldiers inside to guard the Fort. They had lost connection with Fort Lockhart and Fort Gulistan, because of which the reinforcements could not arrive soon. They fought with a lot of strength and valour, and were able to kill 600 enemies. The battle of Saragarhi is one of the bravest battles fought in history.

Some of the bricks from Saragarhi were brought to Ferozepur by the Army to build a Gurudwara Sahib to pay tribute to those brave soldiers. The Sikh regiment maintains it. The Darbar Sahib is small, but the Gurudwara Sahib has big beautiful gardens and jamun trees. It was so peaceful and inspiring to be there.

It was indeed the best day of my life.

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