

# MILESTONE

**20<sup>th</sup> Edition - 2017-18**



*Somerville School, Greater NOIDA*







# Somerville School

## Greater NOIDA

### Excellence isn't a skill - it's an attitude

The Management, Principal and Staff of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA administered by Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, extend Heartiest Congratulations to our Class XII Toppers for their spectacular achievement and stupendous efforts. We thank the Almighty for His manifold blessings-His grace, mercy and wisdom bestowed upon our dear students. We wish our young achievers all the best in their future endeavours.

### RESULT AT A GLANCE : CLASS XII 2017- 2018

#### SCHOOL TOPPERS



**MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY (99.4%)**  
(HUMANITIES)



**ABHAS GAHLOT (97.8%)**  
(SCIENCE)



**CHARU CHAUHAN (91.0%)**  
(COMMERCE)

#### SUBJECT WISE SCHOOL TOPPERS

NAME	SUBJECT	MARKS
MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY	ENGLISH	100
ABHAS GAHLOT	MATHEMATICS	100
SOUMYA RANJAN SAHU	BIOLOGY	100
MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY	ECONOMICS	100
SANDEEP	ECONOMICS	100
CHARU CHAUHAN	ECONOMICS	100
MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY	POLITICAL SCIENCE	100
KAPIL BHATI	PAINTING	100
ANJALI PODDAR	PAINTING	100
NAIMISHA SRIVASTAVA	PAINTING	100
SANTANU SAHA	PAINTING	100
SAGARIKA CHAKRABORTI	PAINTING	100
ABHAS GAHLOT	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	100
ROSHAN KUMAR JHA	PHYSICS	99
MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY	GEOGRAPHY	99
RAJ LAKSHMI	GEOGRAPHY	99
ROSHAN KUMAR JHA	CHEMISTRY	97
ABHAS GAHLOT	CHEMISTRY	97
ABHAS GAHLOT	COMPUTER SCIENCE	96
AMAN MISHRA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	96
MANSHI PANDEY	BUSINESS STUDIES	94
NISHITA CHITARA	BUSINESS STUDIES	94
RUPAL MISHRA	BUSINESS STUDIES	94
CHARU CHAUHAN	ACCOUNTANCY	90

**DISTINCTIONS - 79%**

**FIRST DIVISIONS - 100%**

**NO SECOND DIVISIONS**

**NO THIRD DIVISIONS**

**NO FAILURES / COMPARTMENTS**



# Message



*Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures*

*-James 1 :16 – 18.*

*I pen my thoughts for the family at Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, yet again this new Academic year. I write with full faith and confidence, that all laurels we have achieved is the Almighty's gift from above. Indeed, we are grateful to Him for all blessings showered on this school.*

*The purpose of education is not only to imbibe bookish knowledge, but to inculcate human values of wisdom, compassion, humility and honesty.*

*The school strives for a holistic education, which includes Academics, Co-curricular activities, Sports and the nurturing of human values. I see the enthusiasm both in the students and in the staff, to achieve excellent results in all these fields. The state of the art infrastructure and the vast array of subjects taught, is a testimony to this. Beyond mastering all the disciplines, students are taught to respect all people and things, to be honest with themselves and others, put forth maximum effort and seek ways to support society. In all this, not to forget the marginalized or deprived sections.*

*So, my message to the Principal, staff and students of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, is dedicate another year to delve into all your achievements and praise the Lord for his abundant mercies.*

*All best wishes.*

**Mary George**

*President*

*Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India*



## Message



*Greetings to all stakeholders of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA. The Lord has been good to us in the past year as He has been from the very beginning of our endeavour to set up schools of excellence and thereby work for the community and our country.*

*The Lott Carey Baptist Mission started its first school in the year 1950 in Meerut Cantonment. This was a school exclusively for the children of economically backward fellow citizens in that area. Even today the school is running with more than 150 students. The first public school of the Mission was started in the year 1968 with 14 children and two teachers. By the grace of God we now have four recognized schools in and around Delhi. Apart from these schools, we have five non formal education projects.*

*The Mission has clinics in leprosy colonies at Anandgram, Faridabad, Ganaur, and Karnal. We also have an HIV/ AIDS awareness project as well as a Home For Boys from economically backward sections of the society. Around 250 children are given scholarships and are educated in various institutions in and around Delhi. 15 of these students are studying nursing. These children are accommodated in Hostels of the concerned institutions.*

*Our primary aim is to impart excellent education and inculcate good moral values in young minds, so that they become worthy citizens of our great country.*

*In our schools, we do not teach our children to get to the top using any means, instead we encourage them to study hard and use right and fair means to reach their goals. We also want our students to be kind and considerate towards fellow human beings and love and respect their parents and teachers.*

*We need the cooperation of the parents and other stakeholders in this worthy cause, and are thankful for all the support and encouragement, we have received from them.*

*May our God continue to bless us as He has done in the past.*

**Thomas T. Roy**  
Superintendent & Secretary / Treasurer  
Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India



# Message



*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

*I thank The Lord for taking us through one more year and being with us, guiding us and taking care of each one of us in good times and difficult times. Not a day passes without us appreciating all the different ways in which God has blessed us.*

*We have only to go through the pages of this magazine to discover how talented our students are. We read poems and articles written by them. We read of the sports they excel in. We are amazed at the number of competitions they have participated in and brought back laurels to their school. We look at the pictures of them acting, singing, playing musical instruments, dancing, performing drills and taking part in hundreds of activities throughout the year. We take immense pride in their performance in academics. This volume is proof of all the God-given talents these young people have. So how did we get to know that our students have these gifts, these unbelievable talents and skills they display day after day?*

*Our hardworking teachers with their own diverse talents, guided by the Principal, helped by our parent community, recognise the talents of their students. They identify the special gift of each student. They make him aware of it. They teach, train and make the student practice his skill. They transfer their own knowledge in the specific area to the student and praise him when he succeeds. Often the teacher's own talent is an inspiration for a student who then wants to hone his own skills in the selected activity. The legendary basketball player, Michael Jordan said: I built my talents on the shoulders of someone else's talent.*

*So remember, Principals, teachers, students and parents, "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."*

**D A Tressler**

*Chairperson and Director*

*Somerville Schools*

*Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India*



# Message



*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."*

*- Matthew 5:14 (The Holy Bible)*

*The society is changing continuously and as an educational institution, it's our responsibility to make our children ready by motivating them to be lifelong learners and moulding them into being productive members for the society.*

*Our school's values align with my own personal values, including the importance of trust, respect, innovation and a sense of community. We strive for nurturing the students to enhance their talents, skills and abilities not only through academic excellence but also through providing a positive atmosphere where the students can continuously develop through mutual learning. We are responsible for creating an environment where the children feel challenged yet competent, where they work hard for their achievements but enjoy every step they take. It is all about instilling knowledge and confidence among them to achieve what they desire and grooming them to pass out as mature adults competent to bear all the responsibilities in each and every step of their life.*

*"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values."*

*-William S. Burroughs*

**Abraham Mathew**

Manager

Somerville School-Greater NOIDA



# Message

*Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old,  
he will not depart from it.*

*(Holy Bible - Proverbs: 22-6)*

*'All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy'.*

However, today one may freely replace the word 'work' with 'technology', as we all face the risk of churning out dull children. As the world spins madly on, one of the biggest challenges we are forced to face today is that children are addicted to technology without realizing the gradual effects it has on one's mind, body and health.

The internet has been a blessing to many with the possibility of seamless communications and sharing of a wealth of knowledge from fields of research across the world, at the click of a button. However, it has also been the source of sorrow for many, be it cases of children playing unsupervised games and hurting themselves, or cyber bullying or spreading false rumors and news that hurt society in general. Parents and children alike get hooked onto the 'smart' phones, tablets, x-boxes and the likes. While a parent knows where to draw the line for themselves, the child is unaware and cannot see the line which leads to a sacrifice of a child's mental health at the altar of WiFi.

Mental Health Disorders can affect classroom learning and social interactions, both of which are critical to the success of students. Parents, elders, teachers and mentors alike, need to be vigilant to help children overcome their mental health issues. While parents are always vigilant about the physical health of their child because of symptoms that surface, mental health issues go un-noticed, not because of a lack of symptoms but because of the unawareness of its intangible nature.

Children's mental health can affect young people in a variety of ways to varying degrees at home and in the school environment. One child's symptoms may be really hard to manage at home and school alike, while handling another child with the same condition may not be difficult. In addition, like in adults, children with mental health challenges have good days and bad days, as well as, time periods when they are doing really well and times when their mental health symptoms become more difficult to manage. However, the first step to any positive step towards the cause is recognition.

Recognition, understanding, and being understanding of the issue is our goal to overcome this silent epidemic that is overtaking the mental lives of our children. The biggest threat in this case is the technology that we provide so freely for our children, jeopardizing their eyes, motor skills, muscular development, neural function, which would otherwise have developed had the child gone out and played in the field while not studying from books. Homework Assignments get done without opening the text books because all the answers are available on the internet, thus promoting laziness and lack of verbal and quant skills in a child as was got in schools during the pre-internet era.

The need of the hour is to protect not only the physical health but also the mental health and brain potential of our children, lest we gradually get pulled into the business of churning out dull minds year after year. Nipping the evil in the bud is the way to ensure the success of such an endeavor – keep the internet and smartphone usage to the minimum, which would solve a lot of problems before its inception itself.

*Let us join hands together for the health of our children. They are the future. They are our future.*

**Dr. Mary Thomas**  
Principal







*“A Visit by the Delegates of LCBM Foreign Mission Convention”*





# A PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA

State : Assam  
Dance : Bihu

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## *"A Visit by the Delegates of LCBM Foreign Mission Convention"*







## *“A Visit by the Delegates of LCBM Foreign Mission Convention”*

The Somerville Schools were honoured by the visit of the members of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention who visited India as a part of their "Pilgrimage to India Programme". 11 members led by Dr. Alyn E. Waller, President, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention were warmly welcomed by the Somerville family on 10th February 2018 at Somerville School NOIDA. They witnessed a Kaleidoscope of events prepared by the four Somerville Schools. The programme began with a Hymn "I will follow Him" presented by the Choir of Somerville School Vasundhara Enclave. Our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas led the prayer. Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/ Treasurer of Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India and Manager Somerville Schools addressed the august gathering. This was followed by an enthralling programme titled 'The Dances of Incredible India' by Somerville School Greater NOIDA." The guests were transported to eight Indian states through the dancers. Somerville International School presented a mime, "Puppets with a Purpose". Somerville School NOIDA presented three dances from the Musical 'Grease'. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by the Principal of Somerville School NOIDA, Mrs. M.N. Arul Raj. Later, all the members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission joined the guests for lunch.



# EDITORIAL

People who smile while they are alone used to be called lunatics until we invented smart phones & social media' with the technology such as internet & intranet. We have become as slaves to our own creation. One needs to nurture a deep insight into our inner self and find a solution to our problems. We need to turn to our roots of reading, transcending realms of spirituality and awaken as a whole again. Artificiality and hollowness need to give way to serenity, peace and wisdom.

How well does our 'intronet' work - the time for introspection. Actually with the advent of technology or rather shall I say invasion of technology we have lost touch with the person - 'I am within'. In the pursuit to be what the world aspires us to be in the race to be a 'wannabe' the reality factor is lost out to the extent that a 'Reality Show' has a higher TRP than what we face really. An individuals identity is marked by the likes he/she would get on the face book or what the DP states. Most of us have lost the originality to be ourselves. We seem to be fine with what everybody is doing i.e. Jeopardizing the very existence of 'who I am'. We have no privacy we allow our candid and emotional moments to be shared, liked and commented upon by FB.

Sometime we must sit back and think -

'What is so sacroscent about social media?'

'What defines us?'

'How we lost the concept of privacy?'

What is meant by moving with the times is actually 'playing along'. The youth today is very obviously and needless to say media's buffoon yes the young mind are bloggers, e-savvy have promising start ups. But the number in proportion to those who are trend setters. Thus we as a promising generation must follow the 'Middle Path' which is the best path to life rather than being extremists.

A promising life is what we make of it by making conscious decisions and by among one ability to risk wisely. Let this MILESTONE make some impact on our young minds who are its foundation without our children we are nothing.

Nurture the children of today, set their path right so that they may make wise decisions too.

Ms. Neera Chaudhari

Ms. Dimple Joseph



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# **STREAMWISE TOPPERS OF (A.I.S.S.C.E.) CLASS XII (2016 - 2017)**

## **COMMERCE STREAM**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME OF THE STUDENT</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>VASU JAIN</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>SECOND</b>	<b>R. AKSHAYA</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
<b>THIRD</b>	<b>SAMKIT JAIN</b>	<b>91.0%</b>

## **SCIENCE STREAM**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME OF THE STUDENT</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SARTHAK AGARWAL</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>SECOND</b>	<b>PRACHI SINGH</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>THIRD</b>	<b>NEMIKA THAPLIYAL</b>	<b>93.4%</b>

## **HUMANITIES STREAM**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>NAME OF THE STUDENT</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
<b>FIRST</b>	<b>NAINA NAGAR</b>	<b>90.4%</b>
<b>SECOND</b>	<b>SHRESTHA RAWAT</b>	<b>90.2%</b>
<b>THIRD</b>	<b>KIRTI KUSHWAHA</b>	<b>89.8%</b>



# SUBJECTWISE TOPPERS OF CBSE CLASS XII (2016 - 2017)

## ENGLISH

Urvi Sharma 96

## MATHEMATICS

Nemika Thapliyal 95

Prachi Singh 95

Rishabh Bhanot 95

Sarthak Kanodia 95

Shivangi Dubey 95

Sarthak Agarwal 95

Swarnim Saini 95

Khushboo Bhardwaj 95

## PHYSICS

Nemika Thapliyal 95

Shlok Saxena 95

Harshit Mishra 95

Ranit Chatterjee 95

Sarthak Agarwal 95

Shrey Bhardwaj 95

Shubham Bhawal 95

## CHEMISTRY

Lakshya Garg 95

Prachi Singh 95

Sarthak Kanodia 95

Shivangi Dubey 95

Shlok Saxena 95

Unnati Rastogi 95

Urvi Sharma 95

Apurv Kumar Choubey 95

Deepal Varshney 95

Harshit Mishra 95

Pavitra Joshi 95

Ranit Chatterjee 95

Sarthak Agarwal 95

Shrey Bhardwaj 95

Shreya Kashyap 95

Shubham Bhawal 95

Shubhangi Singh 95

## BIOLOGY

Pavitra Joshi 95

Shreya Kashyap 95

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sarthak Agarwal 97

## ECONOMICS

Gul Chopra 100

Vasu Jain 100

## BUSINESS STUDIES

Vasu Jain 97

## ACCOUNTANCY

Samkit Jain 98

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Shrestha Rawat 95

## GEOGRAPHY

Naina Nagar 97

Shivam Bhatia 97

## PAINTING

Prachi Singh 100

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

R.akshaya 100



## DETAILED RESULT OF CLASS XII (2016-2017)

<i>TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS APPEARED</i>	<i>113</i>
<i>NO. OF STUDENTS PASSED</i>	<i>113</i>
<i>NO. OF FAILURES</i>	<i>NIL</i>
<i>NO. OF COMPARTMENTS</i>	<i>NIL</i>
<i>NO. OF DISTINCTIONS (ABOVE 75%)</i>	<i>77</i>
<i>NO. OF FIRST DIVISIONS (BETWEEN 60% - 74%)</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>NO. OF SECOND DIVISIONS (BETWEEN 50% - 59%)</i>	<i>03</i>
<i>NO. OF THIRD DIVISIONS</i>	<i>NIL</i>

## 100 % ATTENDANCE IN 2017-18

<i>1.</i>	<i>Class VI</i>	<i>Deepanshu Dixit (VI C)</i>	<i>David House</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Class VII</i>	<i>Harshita (VII D)</i>	<i>Daniel House</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>Class VIII</i>	<i>Shuva Chakraborty (VIII C)</i>	<i>Solomon House</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>Class IX</i>	<i>Shreya Chauhan (IX A)</i>	<i>David House</i>



## CBSE RESULTS OF CLASS X

### DETAILED RESULT OF CLASS X (2016-2017)

TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS APPEARED	141
NO. OF STUDENTS PASSED	141
NO. OF FAILURES	NIL
NO. OF DISTINCTIONS (ABOVE 75%)	78
NO. OF FIRST DIVISIONS (BETWEEN 60% - 74%)	43
NO. OF SECOND DIVISIONS (BETWEEN 50% - 59%)	16
NO. OF THIRD DIVISIONS	04

### STUDENTS WHO SECURED 95% (A1 GRADE) IN ALL THE SUBJECTS IN CLASS X (2016 - 2017)

S. No.	NAME OF THE STUDENT
1	ISHI RIBHU
2	MANVI SHARMA
3	MUSKAN GUPTA
4	PRACHIR AGARWAL
5	SAKSHAM SINHA
6	SNAYGA C.R.



# Senior School

## Student Council 2017-18

**Head Boy**

Aman Mishra, XII-C

**Head Girl**

Rajlakshmi, XII-A

**School Sports Captain**

Mohd. Hamza, XII-B

**Vice Head Boy**

Harsh Singh, XI-D

**Vice Head Girl**

Maanvi Sharma, XI-A

**Sports Vice Captain**

Aviral Pulast, XI-B

**Daniel House****Captain :** Soumya Ranjan Sahu, XII-C**Vice Captain :** Akanksha Thakur, XI-D**Sports Captain :** Ishita Mishra, XI-C**Representative :** Swasti Bhardwaj, X-B**David House**

Shriya Singh, XII-C

Muskan Gupta, XI-C

Sara Abbas, XI-C

Rishabh Banerjee, X-D

**Moses House****Captain :** Sagarika Chakraborty, XII-C**Vice Captain :** Saksham Sinha, XI-C**Sports Captain :** Vidushi Mahata, XI-C**Representative :** Abhinav Yadav, X-B**Solomon House**

Abhas Gahlot, XII-C

Prachir Agarwal, XI-B

Mansi Mahata, XI-B

Shreya Singhal, X-D

**Environment Secretary**

Naimisha Srivastava, XII-B

Tanya Srivastava, XI-C

Agmendu Bhati, XI-C

Khushnoor Kaur, X-D

**Cultural Secretary**

Navrachit Kulshreshtha, XII-B

Sulagana Dash, XI-C

Drishti Garg, X-B

Vachan Shetty, IX-B

**School Uniform Incharge**

Sunit Basak, XII-C

Ruby, XII-A

**Uniform Prefect**

Tarun Tripathi, XI-C

Tanul Saxena, XI-D

Ayush Tiwari, X-C

Vrinda Goel, X-D

Gagan Varshney, X-B

Arindam Chaudhary, IX-C

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Aditya Singh, X-D

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# JUNIOR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

## 2017-18

**Head Boy**

Akshay Gupta Burela, VD

**Head Girl**

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**Sports Captain**

Mehul Negi, VC

**Daniel House Captain**

Suryansh V. Tripathi, VA

**David House Captain**

Sirjan Kaur Bhinder, VC

**Moses House Captain**

Mohit Kumar Dubey, VB

**Solomon House Captain**

Aryan Srivastava, VB

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Shreyas Sahu, VB

**Vice Head Girl**

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**Vice House Captain**

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**Transport Secretary**

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Aadrika, VA

Riya Mahur, VD





## Expressions 2017

*'Work hard in silence, let your success be your noise' - Frank Ocean*

The Annual Inter-School Carnival of events-Expressions 2017 was celebrated and hosted by Somerville School, Greater NOIDA. Students from various schools of NOIDA, Greater NOIDA and Delhi participated in the three-day long festival. The guests of honour at the inaugural ceremony were Mr Thomas T Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/ Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission, Mrs D.A.Tressler, Chairperson and Director Somerville Schools and Mr Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School Greater NOIDA. Students from various schools participated in varied competitions to exhibit a healthy competitive spirit. Different competitions were conducted in the school premises. Personalities from different walks of life graced the occasion to judge the musical and art events held during the festival. The oratory skills, debating prowess, singing, innovative ideas and other talents were manifested by the students. The event was a success for the host school, as it kept up the spirit of healthy competition among the schools in the vicinity. The creative zeal of the students to promote excellence was duly rewarded with trophies and certificates awarded to them by the school Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, the fountainhead of all encouragement and guidance. Ryan International School, Greater NOIDA, lifted the Runners-up Trophy. The Champions Trophy was held high by Somerville School, NOIDA who scored the maximum points through their participation in each event which was held during the three-day festival. The participants went back with a positive spirit to compete in the times to come.

## SENIOR SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY-'THE PRINCE OF EGYPT'

*For if we live with grace towards one another,  
Grace shall be our reward at the last day.  
-Kevin Duncan*

Somerville school, Greater NOIDA celebrated the Senior School Annual Day 'Prince of Egypt' with magnificence at Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA for classes IX to XI on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The dignitaries, members of the management, Principals and Head Mistresses of sister schools graced the occasion. Pomp and splendour accorded the resplendent pageant of art, music, dance and drama as the show aimed to bring forth the significance of the life of God's chosen one, Prophet Moses.

The tantalising show started with a prayer invoking blessings of the Almighty and a welcome speech by the Head Mistress Ms. Shefali Egbert. The surmounting efforts of the students stormed the stage and the greatly enthused audience was mesmerized while Moses' birth, his youth and how God had a mighty purpose from his life- to liberate the Hebrew slaves, bring them out from the land of Egypt and lead them to the promised land, Canaan were depicted.

Moses' struggle, his determination to fulfil the will of God was well presented bringing out the creative best in the students through riveting dances, poignant drama, melodic music and beguiling singing by the School Choir, pertinent & alluring costumes, poised enactment of budding talent, noteworthy set ups & props added panache to the evening.

The proceedings were offered a vote of thanks by Vice Principal Ms. Monisha Claudius as a reverberating ovation feted the performers and the evening came to a close.



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." ---Phil Jackson Helen Keller*

"Work as a TEAM because...

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More

Yes, we can all make an impact. We can all make a difference.

But just imagine what we can do together! Pool your resources, bridge your differences. You can get a lot further, a lot faster if you're willing and able to work with others. Don't

alienate others. Don't push them away. Don't discount them because they're different. If people come with a good heart, with pure intention and want to make a difference, they can. Consider diversity a strength, not a hindrance. There are no lines, except the ones you

create. Don't be afraid to think outside the box. That is where innovation and creativity thrive! Remember, no man is an island." "The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among the members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals." ---Rensis Likert

The above mentioned quotes sum up the working of the English Department in a



**ENGROSSED STUDENTS**

nutshell. The Pre-primary, Primary, Junior, Middle and the Senior Wings worked hand in hand towards achieving the goal of excellence. The session witnessed our contribution in many vital areas such as the three Annual days, Expressions,

Inter and Intra school activities, to name a

few. Dramatics has always been our forte. At the same time, it was amalgamated with simpler things like poetry competitions, debates, slogan writing, colour days, special assemblies and so on. The aim being holistic development of the learner through an integrated approach towards the language.

The Department also enhanced the vision of an insight into human nature through experiencing literature in its wide



**ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**



**INTER HOUSE SPELLATHON, VI - VIII**



**SPELL WELL**



scope. Learners were also encouraged to read more books and learn through newspaper as an aid.

We are thankful to our Principal Dr Mary Thomas and all the facilitators of the English Department for their unflinching support and guidance. We hope to realise many more dreams and strive towards perfection in every sphere. In the end, I would just like to voice a few insights-

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow"- Anthony J. D'Angelo. "Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence. Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do". Pele- "Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek". Mario Andretti - "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often". - Winston Churchill



**SLOGAN WRITING**

Mrs. Neera Chaudhari  
H.O.D- English

## **FANTASIA 2017**

The annual musical festival-FANTASIA 2017 was hosted by Somerville School, Greater NOIDA to exhibit and present the musical talent of the students of the school.

The honorable members of the Management, Principals of the sister schools and neighbouring schools, parents and esteemed guests graced the occasion.

Students from classes I-II who had participated in various inter school competitions held throughout the session showcased their musical acumen. The guests were simply mesmerized with the soulful performances.

Students who won several accolades, trophies and medals for the school were appreciated and acclaimed by the esteemed gathering.

The Western Music Choir presented several songs while the Indian Music Choir presented a carol.

The ballet performance by the girls of Senior Wing was particularly appreciated by the esteemed guests. The ballerinas danced to live music.

The students of the school thanked all the members of the Management. They were indebted to our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas for her unconditional support in felicitating their musical journey throughout the session.

Parents expressed their warm regards to the authorities over high tea at the end of the programme.



## **Workshop on: Time Management By Wg. Cdr. S.K.Sharma**

The ability to manage time is one of the most important and useful skills to have both at work and home. An inspirational workshop on 'Time Management for teachers' was held at Somerville School, Greater NOIDA on 16 May 2017. It aimed at making the teachers equipped with a process of planning and exercising conscious control over the amount of time spent on specific activities to increase effectiveness, efficiency and productivity.

The workshop aimed at getting organized, protecting one's time by delegation of work, achievement through goal-management and to eliminate tasks that do not provide value to the individual or organization. It was an enriching session for the teachers which guided them to maintain a balance on both professional and personal front.

## **Workshop on Student Security Awareness**

A workshop was conducted on student security awareness by the D.M, Greater NOIDA on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017. All teachers, administrators and support staff from all CBSE and ICSE schools of Delhi-NCR attended the same. Many cases dealing with child abuse and crimes against minors were discussed. Resource person, Mr Himesh Tiwari emphasised on the need for good character and morals in life.

He emphasized on the need to observe safety rules in every school. One needs a stress free environment in order to follow the ideals of peace and security. Mr Mishra spoke about many safety measures that the drivers need to keep in mind. The need to follow traffic rules and be more vigilant. Lack of understanding of laws and rights may lead to various emotional disorders in students. He urged everyone to work towards a solution. POCSO ACT was discussed too at great length. Counsellors too need to play a vital role in ensuring the safety of the students. RFID SYSTEM OF IDENTITY CARDS was also a part of the workshop. Various important phone numbers of various agencies were also shared with the gathering. In a nutshell, it was a learning experience for all, a truly rewarding one.



# Inauguration of the Renovated Nursery Wing





## **FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS**



**VASU JAIN**

School Topper Commerce Stream (96.4%),  
Economics Topper (100%) & Business Studies topper (97%)



**R. AKSHAYA**

Second Highest Commerce Stream (94.6%),  
Physical Education Topper (100%)



**SAMKIT JAIN**

Third Highest Commerce Stream (91%),  
Accountancy Topper (98%)



**GUL CHOPRA**

Economics Topper (100 % )



**KHUSHBOO BHARDWAJ**

Mathematics Topper (95%)



**NAINA NAGAR**

Topper Humanities Stream (90.4%), Geography Topper (97%)



**SHRESTHA RAWAT**

Second Highest Humanities Stream (90.2%),  
Political Science Topper (95%)



**SHIVAM BHATIA**

Geography Topper (97%)



## FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



**SARTHAK AGARWAL**  
Topper Science Stream (93.8%)



**NEMIKA THAPLIYAL**  
Third Topper Science Stream (93.4%)



**URVI SHARMA**  
English Topper (96%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**SHIVANGI DUBEY**  
Mathematics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**SHLOK SAXENA**  
Physics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**SWARNIM SAINI**  
Mathematics Topper (95%)



**HARSHIT MISHRA**  
Physics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**RANIT CHATTERJEE**  
Physics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



## FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



**SHREY BHARDWAJ**  
Physics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**SHUBHAM BHAWAL**  
Physics Topper (95%), Chemistry Topper (95%)



**LAKSHAYA GARG'S father** receiving  
trophy for Chemistry (95%)



**UNNATI RASTOGI**  
Chemistry Topper (95%)



**APURV KUMAR CHOUBEY**  
Chemistry Topper (95%)



**DEEPAL VARSHNEY**  
Chemistry Topper (95%)



**PAVITRA JOSHI**  
Biology Topper



**SHREYA KASHYAP**  
Chemistry Topper (95%), Biology Topper (95%)



## FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



**SARTHAK KANODIA'S** mother receiving trophy for Chemistry (95%), Mathematics Topper (95%)



**MANVI SHARMA**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**ISHI RIBHU**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**PRACHIR AGRAWAL**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**MUSKAN GUPTA**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**SAKSHAM SINHA**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**SNAYGA C. R.**  
Class X-10 CGPA



**SAKSHAM SINHA**  
Muivah Award Winner



## FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



TOPPERS OF COMMERCE STREAM



TOPPERS OF SCIENCE STREAM



TOPPERS OF HUMANITIES STREAM



TOPPERS OF CLASS X -10 CGPA Grade Holders



# Inauguration of the Renovated Reception Area





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# A VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL





## CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND BLOOM'S TAXONOMY : WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

**A** two day in-service training program for the primary teachers on classroom management and Bloom's Taxonomy was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the A.V room. The experienced resource person, Ms. Shradha Anand explained that management of the student-teacher relationship is the corner stone of classroom management. She discussed and shared the best methods adopted for classroom management and how a congenial and friendly environment should be given to our students. She emphasized on positive discipline and the role of a proactive teacher. She highlighted that a teacher can solve many problems with her focused and methodical approach. During the second day of the workshop, she discussed Bloom's Taxonomy and the different stages of thinking. She defined the Taxonomy as an attempt to classify forms and levels of learning. Several videos were also shown to the teachers to classify the questions asked in classrooms. The enriching experience helped the teachers to adopt various techniques to make the teaching-learning process more effective.

## WORK EXPERIENCE: WE EXPLORE ORIGINALITY

**W**ork Experience is an integral part of the school curriculum as per the National Policy of Education. Work Experience includes many activities such as Quilling, Embroidery work, handicraft making, use of waste to make it best, making dolls and flowers from corn husk and various other activities. The Socially Useful Productive Work enhances the creativity in children and it also teaches them to work as a team. Cooperation and enhancement of hidden talents is also one of the main objectives of Work Experience.

This year too, many of our students participated in various competitions and won accolades. We bagged the first position in Quilling Greeting Card Competition and secured third position in pot decoration in an intra school competition.

In a nutshell, the Department made an immense contribution in the development of hidden talents and enhancing originality in children.



## REPORT 2017-2018

### SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

**S**omerville School Greater Noida is committed to give its students a nurturing environment, one that allows their natural gifts to unfold and make learning a pleasurable experience. The school believes that the approach to motivate and get the best out of the children is based on the positive enforcement of good work and good behavior and works with a philosophy which centre on praise, encouragement, love and compassion rather than criticism, fear and punishment. Nothing worthwhile can be achieved without a sense of discipline and thus, students are raised to conform to the high academic standards and sound value system.

With this Vision in mind, the Social Science Department



which they live and make others around them better. Aligning with the school's belief of experiential and reflective learning, the teachers unleash the unlimited potential of their students through thought provoking activities and brain storming sessions in the class rooms.

The academic session 2017-18 was another milestone in the department's professional journey as each teacher wholeheartedly received the In-service training; attended workshops and seminars conducted by the CBSE and engrossed themselves in the ongoing Research and Analysis

strives to promote a rigorous meaningful curriculum that deepens the student's analytical skills and promotes informed citizenship. It is the mission of the Department to gently nurture the students to become lifelong learners who can successfully function in an increasingly complex, multicultural and ever changing world. The teachers use social science education to empower all their students with a social understanding and civic awareness so that they can see the connection between the subject and their lives and can function as Contributors in a free nation.

The Department works tirelessly to help the students read effectively, comprehend what they read, write clearly, engage in meaningful conversations, listen to each other, be problem solvers, ask questions and seek answers, respect the world in







to enhance their own learning skills.

The Social Science Department, throughout the session engaged the students in various Intra and Inter school activities like quiz, debates, group presentations, special assemblies and celebrated the National festivals with the zeal and spirit befitting the occasion. Patriotic Week was observed prior to the Independence Day celebrations by all the students of classes 6 to 12. Various class activities like historic speeches, debates, presentations and street plays were organized to sensitize the students about the spirit of self discipline and sacrifice of our freedom fighters and help them cherish the value of liberty and freedom. A Street Play on 'SAY NO TO CRACKERS' was also organized during the

Diwali Assembly to depict the message that the Festival of Light symbolizes the victory of righteousness and lifting of spiritual darkness.

The Stupendous efforts of all the students and teachers in this academic session have been rewarded with remarkable achievements and laurels.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STUDENTS IN QUIZ COMPETITIONS**

The Earth Day quiz held in Sharda University, Greater Noida

Result- First Position the quiz held in Noida International University, Greater Noida

Result- First Position

Quiz held in Army Institute of Education, Greater Noida

Result- First Position

Quiz held in ITS College of Engineering, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad

Result- Third Position, won Rs 11000/-

The Intach Heritage quiz held in Shrivardar School, Expressway

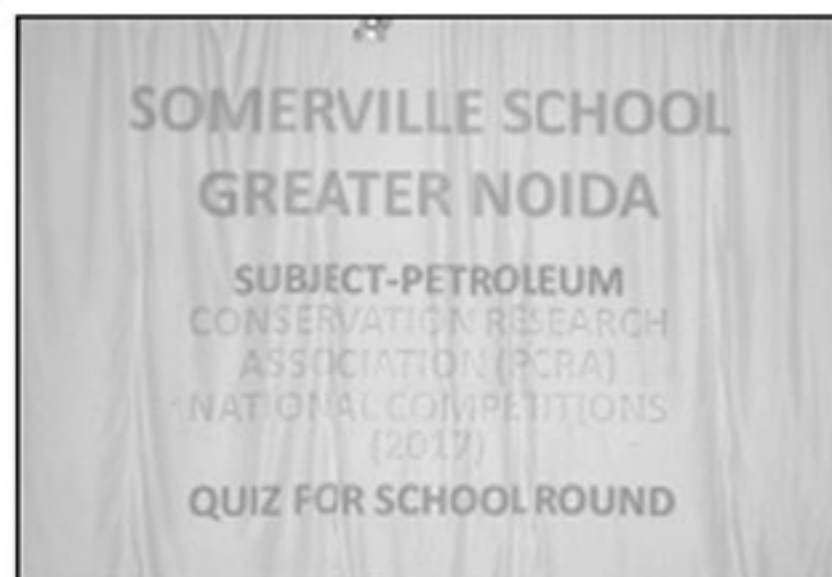
Result- Qualified for Second Round but lost the final

Quiz held in IIMT College Knowledge Park, Greater Noida for the awareness about elections

Result- Not Declared

The Indian Heritage quiz held in DPS Indirapuram, Ghaziabad

Result - qualified for the first round



Conducted the quiz based on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Somerville School, Greater Noida

Conducted the quiz based on Conservation of Petroleum in Somerville School, Greater Noida

Disaster Management

Mr. Dharmendra Kumar [Pgt Geography] attended the Disaster Management Training held at DM office, Ganga Shopping Complex, Noida

Conducted a workshop on Disaster Management for School Teachers in Somerville School, Greater Noida

Trained the students for Disaster Management with the help



of three mock drills under the supervision of NDRF Team

Participation of students in the street plays:

For the awareness about Elections and Proper use of Voting Right given by Indian Constitution with the help of a Street Play held in Somerville School, Greater NOIDA.

On Women Empowerment held in Cambridge School, NOIDA.

For the awareness about Elections and Proper use of Voting Rights given by Indian Constitution held in Somerville School Greater NOIDA.

The Social Science Department extends its gratitude to the school

Management and to the school Principal, Dr Mary Thomas for their valuable guidance for bringing a spiritual and holistic approach to education that focuses on building A child's character, instilling a love for learning and distilling one's talents and passions into a Custom-made calling.



**Manila Verma**  
Head Of Social Science Department





# WESTERN MUSIC REPORT

## “SING FOR JOY, TO GOD OUR STRENGTH!”

By the abundant grace of GOD, the Western Music Choir had an exquisite session wherein we won many laurels. Under the guidance of our respected Principal Ma'am, Dr. Mary Thomas and Marilyn Ma'am, we learnt how to tackle with teething troubles as we set on the journey to learn the deeper nuances of music.

The year started with a Western Music Competition at Bluebells Public School, Noida, where our School Choir sang three songs of different genres, 'Give us Hope', 'Hallelujah Chorus' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. In August 2017 on the Annual Day, the phenomenal play 'The Prince of Egypt' was staged which included songs like 'When You Believe'. In the month of October, our School Choir participated in 'Swaram'17' at St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Delhi, where our Choir stood second. Kathrin Peter (V.B) stood third, Gauri Mohan (X.D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX.D) stood second in the Duet category and in the Quartet category Mansi Mahatha (XI.B), Vidushi Mahatha (XI.C) Gauri Mohan (X.D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX.D) achieved the third position.

'Swaram'17' was followed by 'Dhwani'17' in which our budding male soloist Vinayak Pathak (IX.B) stood first while, Aditi Pande (X.D) received a well-deserved special prize. Our School Choir stood second in the Group Song Category. Next in the row was 'Anil Das Memorial 17' held at Apostles Methodist Church, R.K. Puram, New Delhi where Kathrin Peter (V.B) and Daniel Awana (VIII.D) were announced winners, our fantastic Female Soloist Gauri Mohan (X.D) stood third while Gauri Mohan (X.D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX.D) stood third in the Duet Category followed by the quartet girls to win the third prize and to our utmost delight the choir stood first. The most awaited competition in which we participated was 'Harmony'17' held at St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Noida, where our choir was all set to put its best foot forward and sure enough Vinayak Pathak (IX.B) stood first, while Gauri Mohan (X.D) bagged the third position followed by an unanticipated win of the second position by Gauri Mohan (X.D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX.D) in the Duet Category and of course, we won the second position in the Quartet Category. Last but not the least, our School Choir won the first position at "Harmony 2017".

As we continued to win laurels for our Alma Mater, in the month of November, Classes VI-VIII staged the play 'The Sound of Music' which was remarkably mesmerizing as the children presented some all time favourite numbers such as 'My favourite Things', 'The Lonely Goatherd' and 'Do Re Mi'. In the month of December, our choir presented 'Rise Up, Shepherd' at Father Agnel School, Greater Noida, and bagged the first position. Our parents attended 'Fantasia-The Music Carnival 2017' organized by our school in which we presented songs in the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It was a gratifying experience to be a part of the School Choir and has been truly an honour to be trained by such talented mentors. It is all because of God's love lacking which we are zilch.

- SHREYA RUTH NANDA  
IX.D



## W.C. Somerville Memorial Tournament

14<sup>th</sup> W.C. Somerville Memorial Football Tournament was organized by Somerville School Greater NOIDA from 12<sup>th</sup> December- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The members of the Management - Mr. Thomas.T Roy, Superintendent & Secretary/ Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A. Tressler, Chairperson and Director of Somerville Schools And Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, Somerville School Greater NOIDA were present for the opening ceremony of the tournament. 16 schools participated in the event. Four matches were played on the first, second and the third day of the tournament. Semi finals were played on the fourth day. The first match was played between Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA and Aster Public School, Greater NOIDA and the second semi final was played between Somerville School, Greater NOIDA and St. Joseph's School, Greater NOIDA. Somerville School, Greater NOIDA overpowered its opponent- Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA in the finals by 1/ 0 and bagged the 14<sup>th</sup> W.C FOOTBALL Tournament trophy, Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA won the runners up trophy. The four day tournament was an elevating experience. The schools showed tremendous team work and played the tournament with utmost dedication and discipline.

## Road Safety Oath

Somerville school, Greater NOIDA implemented 'Shubham Soti Memorial Save Kids Lives Campaign'. 'Save Kids Lives' is an official campaign co-ordinated by the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration, The campaign was launched six months before the third United Nations Global Road Safety Week in May 2015. The campaign is co-led by children and calls for an urgent action to halve road deaths and injuries by 2020. Road injury ranks amongst the top four causes of death for all children over the age of five years.

The main agenda of the campaign is to create awareness about Road Safety and bring down road traffic accidents. On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, students from classes VI to XII took part in an oath ceremony and pledged to obey all the traffic rules to ensure safety on roads. The school Principal Dr Mary Thomas also spoke to the students about the importance of traffic rules and urged them to keep themselves safe.

## 'Say No To Crackers Campaign'

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA conducted Diwali Celebrations with a difference. The prolonged suspension of thick clouds of toxic smoke after Diwali last year posed grave health hazards to the elderly and children. To mitigate the menace of atmospheric pollution, the school organized various activities like Painting, Diya Decoration, Collage Making, Rangoli Making, Slogan Writing, Greeting Card Making etc in the premises from 7<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October respectively. A Street Play was also staged in this regard and the students were sensitised to curb the bursting of crackers which cause serious health issues to humans and animals alike. The children took a pledge to celebrate an Eco-friendly Diwali this year and dispel darkness from their hearts and spreading love and warmth for others.



## INAUGURATION OF RENOVATED PREPARATORY BLOCK

It was a moment of great pride and joy for Principal Dr. Mary Thomas, staff and the students of Somerville Greater NOIDA as the newly renovated building of Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA was inaugurated on 1st July 2017. The occasion was graced by, Mr. Thomas. T. Roy, the Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer of Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Ms. Mary George, President, LCBM in India, Mr. Abraham Mathew, Chief Accountant of LCBM and the Manager of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA. The staff members of the LCBM, India were also present for the occasion. The Dedication of the newly renovated Preparatory building began by a welcome note by Ms. Dimple Joseph, Staff secretary. Mr. Abhishek Mani led us all in prayer followed by a beautiful hymn sung by the teachers that invoked the blessings of the Lord Almighty. Thereafter, Mr. Thomas. T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer of LCBM in India was requested to do the honours by cutting the ribbon. It was followed by a prayer and blessing of the Preparatory school by Rev. Shakti Paul.

## L.C.B.M. Visit to Faridabad School

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

---John 3:16(Holy Bible)

This year, I got the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the little children of Somerville, Non-formal Education School, Faridabad. The school provides basic education to the children of migrant labourers working in the stone quarries close by.

Lott Carey Baptist Mission aims at providing quality education to the poor children by administering it in an exemplary manner. The mission also helps the students to get higher education.

We visited the school on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Mrs. Mary George, President, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A. Tressler, Chairperson and Director, Somerville Schools, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Preeti Bhowmik and other students from the school accompanied us. We were greeted by a warm welcome. The student presented various hymns and carols followed by an enactment of a short story. Thereafter, we gave them the gifts and wished them Merry Christmas. It was an inspirational tour for all of us. It taught us the lesson that spreading happiness leads to an invigorating experience which cannot be described in words, it can only be felt by the heart. We also learnt the true meaning of Christmas, happiness should be shared by all. Caring and sharing promote a feeling of love and compassion and harmony in the world. It is the need of the hour to unite and serve humanity.

---Tejaswith Sharma, IX D



## **WORKSHOP ON CYBER CRIME BY MR. RAKSHIT TANDON**

Unless and until our society recognises Cyber bullying for what it is, “the suffering of thousands of silent victims” will continue. The workshop conducted in Somerville School Greater NOIDA was an eyeopener, a workshop that was conducted by Mr Rakshit Tandon, a Communicator Par Excellence. Mr Rakshit Tandon, a guardian of cyber security kept his audience engrossed and spellbound. He possesses the gift of holding his audience spellbound, discussed all issues related to cyber crime in a conversational tone that appealed to students, teachers and parents alike. At the same time, his case studies revealed the gruesome reality of cyber crime and involvement of teenagers in the same. Almost all crimes like kidnapping, murders, money frauds, identity frauds and even terrorism is being manifested through the use of the internet. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram have become a severe threat to humanity. Making ID's before the legal age can be threatening not only to society but can also emerge as a serious threat to innocent children who are unaware of the complications and hazards related to the use of internet. Parents and teachers were also counselled on the wrong usage of internet. Pornography can lead to serious consequences, even suicide.

Mr Rakshit Tandon also provided practical tips on safe usage of internet and specified the legal punishment and fine if it is used illegally. The use of humour and varied tones kept everyone glued. Children were curious and inquisitive and he patiently answered all queries.

Everyone came to the conclusion that the single biggest existential threat that we all face today is Cyber crime, every crime in the present era is related to cyber. Hackers are turning cyber terrorism into a reality. Mr Rakshit Tandon was an exemplar of a guardian who gave everyone an insight into the present scenario, the problems arising due to addiction to the computer or mobile phones namely sleep disorders, physical and mental problems in children, increasing violence and many more aspects.

In a nutshell, the workshop was a learning and rewarding experience for all, a vision into the bleak future ahead stressing the need to try and bring about a change before it is too late. Change is mandatory and improvement always begins with I. We are indebted to our Principal Dr Mary Thomas for providing us the opportunity to be a part of such an enlightening experience.



## ENVIRONMENT WEEK

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, observed 'Environment week' in the second week of July.

The week long celebration started on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 with the 'Induction ceremony' of 'Terra Friends' the Environment Club of the school. The members of 'Terra Friends' comprised students from classes VI-XII and the Environment Secretaries. The assembly started with a prayer and a hymn followed by the oath taking ceremony by the members of Terra Friends. The assembly was honoured by the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal and the Head Mistress. Badges were pinned by Principal, Dr Mary Thomas to the members who pledged to take care of their surroundings by conserving nature and planting more trees.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July an Inter House Hindi Debate was organised, in which the students participated enthusiastically and presented their views for and against the topic 'Mahanagron ka vikas- Vardaan ya Abhishaap'. The judging team gave away prizes to the best two speakers.

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 17, an Interclass Poster Making Competition was held on topics related to the Environment and its Conservation. The best posters and slogans were displayed and awarded prizes.

On the concluding day (13<sup>th</sup> July 17) 'Arbour Day' was celebrated with tree plantation in the school campus by the students of Class 12<sup>th</sup> and Tiny Tots from Nursery. The school staff along with the Principal, Vice Principal and the Head Mistress also planted Ashoka and Neem trees within the school premises. The school had invited Mr. Jacob Massey, a representative from an NGO 'We Plant India' who gave a presentation on 'The Importance of Planting Fruit Trees Outside the Premises' with a motive to fight against malnutrition and hunger deaths.

## Senior School Investiture Ceremony

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA conducted the Senior School Investiture Ceremony where the students of the Senior School were invested with responsibilities as members of the council. Our Principal, Dr Mary Thomas, inducted the new office bearers by pinning their badges and sashes. The Student Council Members pledged to carry their duties with sincerity and efficiency. Head Girl, Rajlakshmi administered the oath of office to the newly elected council members. The school contingent comprising students of Classes IX-XII led the march past. They were followed by the four houses. The Principal prayed for the newly elected Council Members and wished them a successful year. With smiles on their faces and dreams in their eyes, the council members posed for the shutterbug.



## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION (CLASSES IV - V) 'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'

The Junior wing of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated its much awaited annual event 'THE ANNUAL DAY' amidst great zeal, vibrancy and elation on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017 at the Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA. The function commenced with a hymn followed by a welcome address by our Head mistress, Mrs Shefali Egbert. The occasion was graced by members of the management of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India along with other distinguished guests and parents.

The students of classes fourth and fifth presented a resplendent pageant of art, music, dance and drama through a harmonious ensemble of the famous 1971 American musical fantasy film based on a children's novel by Roald Dahl - CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY, as together the performers and the audience experienced a CHOCOLATE FANTASY. The entire act was smoothly tied together by energetic and unmatched zeal and rhythm of the live performers of the Western Music Choir and the narrators who effortlessly bridged the time and excited the audience with creative anticipation. The captivating enactment and the exuberance with which the young artists performed created some magical moments that charmed everyone. The programme ended with a colourful grand finale.

Amidst much appreciation and admiration by all guests and parents, our honourable Principal, Dr Mary Thomas extended a vote of thanks to the esteemed gathering for encouraging the students by their presence despite their busy schedules.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'

'There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure' - Colin Powell

Somerville school, Greater NOIDA celebrated the Middle School Annual Day 'Sound of Music' at Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA for Classes VI to VIII. Members of the Management, Principals of sister schools, parents graced the occasion. A spectacular show of music, dance and drama was put up with the aim to bring forth the importance of music in our lives. The show started with a prayer by invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The efforts of the students enthralled the audience and they were applauded for their mesmerising performance. The students through their enactment displayed the memoir of Maria von Trapp- The Story of the Trapp Family Singers.

The melodious singing by the choir, the glamorous costumes and remarkable stage set up added flamboyance to the evening. The presentation was concluded by a vote of thanks by the school Principal Dr. Mary Thomas.



## Safety and Security Workshop

A workshop on safety and security was organized for the students of classes IX and XI on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The aim of the workshop was to make the students aware about how to keep themselves safe and secure at home and school. The Resource Persons enlightened the students about the present scenario of the challenges related to safety and security faced by children, parents and teachers. They made the students understand that safety starts with awareness therefore they must always be alert and careful. The craze for video games among youngsters and their hazards were also discussed in detail. The students were encouraged to share their views and ask question on related issues. They were advised to follow traffic rules and refrain from driving till they possess a driving license. Use and misuse of social media was another point of discussion. The students learnt the importance of 'netiquette'. The workshop came to an end with a question and answer session where the students got an opportunity to clear their doubts. The workshop proved to be of great help for the students and it definitely made them understand that safety should be their top priority.

## Workshop on - Team Building

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organized a workshop on TEAM BUILDING as a part of Teachers' Enrichment Programme on 10th October, 2017 in the Audio Visual Room. Nearly thirty teachers attended the workshop. An enlightening interactive session was conducted by Ms Deepti Sharma and her team. They emphasized on the importance of team work for the smooth functioning and growth of any organization and the individuals. The teachers in a school are a team of professionals working towards a common goal of imparting education. The team activities and discussions initiated by the resource persons made the teachers reflect on their roles and behavior while working in the school. It was realised that it is important to create synergy and camaraderie between the members by getting to know each other well and demonstrating trust and empathy. The importance of effective communication for the functional efficiency of the team was well demonstrated through an interesting team activity. The importance of developing, understanding and acceptance of the views of others can contribute towards building a constructive environment built on mutual respect. It was reiterated that working together in harmony makes work easy and enjoyable.



## Sports Department Report

Sports are an integral part of one's life. Students at Somerville School, Greater NOIDA always excel in this sphere. This not only helps in developing their physical strength but also their individualism, team spirit and instills in them a desire to achieve more last session too, our students participated in many inter and Intra school events and won many accolades. To name a few, students from classes I, IV, VIII and IX won many prizes in JBM Global School, Athletic Meet, Basketball Cluster at Pragyan School, Apeejay International School, G.D.Goenka Public School, Apeejay Athletic Meet, Cambridge School NOIDA and Aahwan Inter School Basket Ball Meet. They also participated in Pathways School, NOIDA and Apeejay International School many medals. In a nutshell, the sports Department has put in a lot of effort to achieve many feathers in their cap. Somerville School also won medals at The Frank Anthony School, Holy Public School. They got the best player award at G.D.Goenka and were team winners too. They also won the Runners up trophy at Pragyan School and DPS Ghaziabad. Best player awards were bestowed to Glen Giri and Aditya Singh at Jesus and Mary School. Somerville also won the Fair play trophy at SDJ Memorial. Two of our students played I league for Delhi Dynamos. We are satisfied with our achievements in session 2017-18 and shall strive for excellence in the next session.

## CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

*"I heard the bells on Christmas day,  
Their old, familiar carol's play  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth and goodwill to men."*

Christmas assembly was conducted in the inner quadrangle with much zest and zeal. The excitement of one and all knew no bounds as the festivity and the bliss of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ filled the air. The time of the year which reminds us of God's supreme love for mankind when He sent His only begotten Son, Lord Jesus so that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life. Every heart was brimming with the virtues of love, charity and sacrifice for our Saviour brings forth peace and joy to one and all. On that note the assembly started with the reading from the Holy Bible by Mrs. Ranjana Chauhan. Thereafter a Western Music Carol Singing Competition was conducted for classes VI- IX & XI followed by the Indian Music Carol Singing Competition. The air filled with the serenity of the soulful carols as if '*the angels came from heaven high and they were clad with wings; And lo, they brought a joyful song, the host of heaven sings*'. Our Dance troupe then stormed the stage with their charismatic presentation. Our Principal Ma'am, Dr. Mary Thomas shared a poignant Christmas message with the students and the teachers on the occasion. A scrumptious Christmas lunch was then arranged by the honourable Management for teachers and staff. It was indeed a delightful day.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Bhoomi Chauhan (VIII D) 1st in 100 m race at Apeejay International School, Greater Noida**



**Bhoomi Chauhan (VIII D) 2nd in Relay Race at JBM Global School, Noida**



**DPSG - Junior Inter School Football Tournament '17 at DPS, Ghaziabad- 2nd Position (Runner up)**



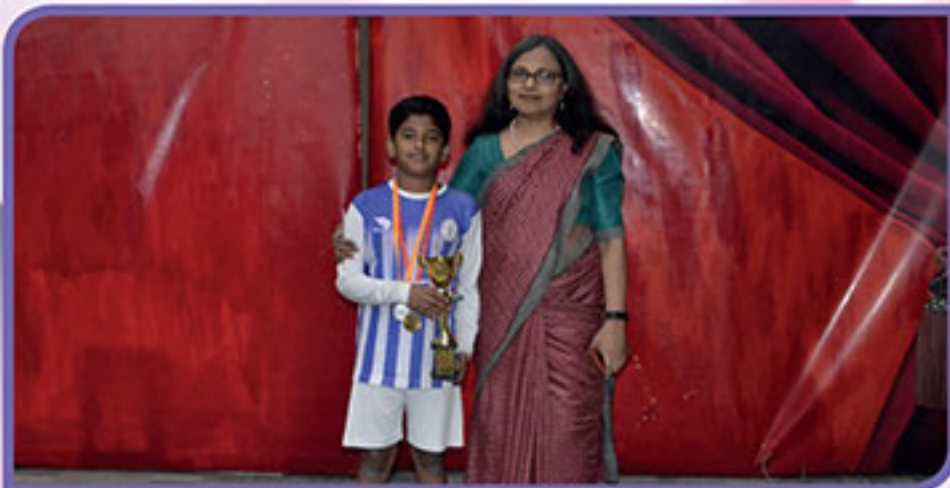
**Garvita Malik (VII C) - 2nd in 100 m race at Apeejay International School, Greater Noida**



**Gaurav Pandey (II D) 3rd in under 11 singles Badminton League in Jan 2018**



**Ginni Sharma (VIII A) - 2nd in Relay Race at Apeejay International School, Greater Noida**



**Glen Gigi ( IV C ) - Best Player of Football Tournament U-10 held at Jesus and Mary School ,Greater Noida**



**Inter School Junior Sports Meet U-11 (2017 - 2018) Runners Up in Basket Ball, held at Pragyan School, Greater Noida**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Khushi Nagar (V D) 1st in 100 m Race at Apeejay School , Greater NOIDA**



**Komal Sihag (VI C) - Gold Medal in Skating at All India Roller Skating Cup 2017**



**Komal Sihag (VI C) -2nd Open Roller Speed Skating Championship- 1st in Long race and 2nd in Short race at Ch. Chhabil Dass Public School, Ghaziabad**



**Nishant Sharma (XI D) 3rd in 100 m race and Shot put at JBM Global School, NOIDA**



**Paras (V C) 2nd in Relay Race at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA**



**Reyanshi Garg (VII B)- 2nd in 100 m Race at JBM Global School , NOIDA**



**Reyanshi Garg (VII B)-1st in 100 m Race , 2nd in Relay Race at Apeejay School, Greater NOIDA**



**Second Runner Up Football Tournament U-10 held at Jesus and Mary School, Greater NOIDA.**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Winners of Athletic Meet  
at Apeejay School, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Basket Ball Competition  
at G.D Goenka Public School, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Football Tournament U - 12 held  
at Jesus and Mary, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Relay Race (Girls) - 2nd Position  
at Apeejay School, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Relay Race (Boys) - 2nd Position  
at Apeejay School, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of WC Somerville Memorial Football Tournament  
Somerville School, Greater NOIDA**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Winners of Parivarthan Painting Competition**



**Aayushi Sharma, Priyaushi Bhati and Devanshi Mit-tal of VIII A - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Book Jacketing at Greater Valley School, Greater NOIDA.**



**Aayushi Sharma (VIII A) - 2nd Prize in Painting in Water Colour at Cambridge School, NOIDA**



**Abhas Gahlot (XII C) - 1st Prize in Essay Writing (Earth Day ) at Sharda University**



**Adya Choudhary, (III C) Spell Bee, Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA**



**Akansha Thakur (XI C) - 3rd Prize in European Impression at Cambridge School, NOIDA**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Atoshi Bhattacharya (XII A) - 1st Prize in Panel Discussion on Financial and Social Inclusion through Indian Post**



**Ayushi Kaushik (VIII C) - Winner of Regional Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Contest**



**Bhavika Choudhary (IX B) and Spriha Upadhyay (IX B) -1st Prize in Quiz Competition at IIMT College of Management, Greater Noida**



**Drishti Khatri (IX C) - 1st Prize in Slogan Writing at IIMT College of Management, Greater Noida**



**Harshavardhan Chauhan (XII C), Sankalp Sharma (XII C) M. Siddharth (XII C) 1st Prize in Model Making at Sharda University, Greater Noida**



**ITS Quiz Whiz - 2017 - 3rd Position**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Naman Mishra (IV B) and Madhavi (V D) stood 2nd in Salt Painting (Kalakrati), Hillwoods Academy, Greater Noida**



**Naman Mishra (IV B) and Satakshi (IV B) stood 2nd in Shape Art, Ascent International, Greater Noida**



**Naman Mishra (IV B), Yash Choudhary (V D) and Adya Choudhary (III C) stood 1st in Spell Bee, Ascent International School, Greater Noida**



**Pooja Sharma (XI B) 2nd Prize in Painting Competition 'Conservation of Water' at Sharda University, Greater Noida**



**Prachir Agrawal (XI B) - 1st Prize in Quiz Competition (Earth Day) at Sharda University, Greater Noida**



**Prachir Agrawal (XI B) and Aman Yadav (XI C) - 2nd in IT Quiz (Nexus) at DPS, Greater Noida**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Prithvi Singh (VIII C) and Sourabh Goswami (VII) -Winners of Parivarthan - Art Competition**



**Prithvi Singh Jana (VIII C) and Rahul Pratap Singh (VIII C) - 2nd in Clay Modelling at Image 2017 , Cambridge School, NOIDA**



**Roopal Sihag (IV B), Winner of Skating Competition held at Chandigarh. All India Roller Skating Cup - 2017**



**Sakshi Roy (XI B) and Priyanshi Banerjee ( XI A) - 2nd Prize in Think Tank at Cambridge School, NOIDA**



**Samridhi (II A) stood 2nd in Draw and Colour, Ascent International School, Greater NOIDA**



**Santanu Saha (XII B) 1st Prize in Painting Competition 'Conservation of Water' at Sharda University, Greater NOIDA**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Akshat Sharma (IV A) and Renee Sarah Williams (V A) stood 3rd at The Millennium School, Greater NOIDA for Brain Battery**



**Vansh Kasana (V D) stood 1st in Work in Unison, Ascent International School ,Greater NOIDA**



**Walush Lovena Rodrigues (X A) - 2nd Prize in Essay Writing (Earth Day ) at Sharda University, Greater NOIDA**



**Vidushi Singh (VI D) , Mohit Kr. Dubey (VI A), stood 2nd in Sudoku, Ascent International School, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Dance Competition - 2nd Prize at IIMT College of Management, Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Dance Competition (Movers and Shakers ) 2nd Prize at Cambridge School, NOIDA**



## DEPARTMENT : REPORT MATHEMATICS 2017-18

**M**aths is an integral part of our daily life. Mathematics is the music of reason. Without mathematics there's nothing you can do. The following events were organized for the session 2017-18.

### JUNIOR MATHS EXHIBITION 2017-2018

Everything around you is a number. The Junior Math Exhibition was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in the Inner Quadrangle. The participants were guided and trained by Math teachers. The aim was to enhance their understanding, thinking and creative skills. The parents had all praises for the children. An array of activities were conducted for students of classes I-V. Students exuberated with joy and participated enthusiastically in the activities.

Students of class I and II made beautiful designs and models using 2D shapes. Class III made models on Measurement of weight and displayed Measurement of length and mass through various activities. Our students of class IV participated with zeal and displayed variety of mathematical greeting cards. They also made models of clock depicting angles. Class V displayed beautiful designs and scenery on tessellation patterns and tangrams were a treat to the eye.



### INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION 2017-2018

S. No.	Name of the Student	Position Secured	Event Held At
1.	Renee Sarah Williams, VA Akshat Sharma, IVA	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Multiple Intelligence Quiz-Brain Battery was held on 08.11.17 at Millennium School, NOIDA.
2.	Vidushi Singh, VI D Mohit Kr. Dubey, V B	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mystifier Sudoku was held at Ascent International School, Greater NOIDA on 08.11.17.

### Maths Olympiad by Silver Zone Foundation.

The International Olympiad of Mathematics (IOM), a test of Competence and Knowledge in the subject of Mathematics was held last year. A whopping 232 students participated in the Olympiad out of which 14 students won medals.

The medal summary is as follows: 7 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze.

Encouraged by the response and performance, the Mathematics Department aims to surpass this performance in the coming year.

### IMAGE 2017, India and the world (December 2017)



Students taking the Olympiad test

A team of four students participated in the event "Maths in Architecture : India Vs the world" held at Cambridge School, NOIDA. The team comprised the budding mathematicians cum architects : Pooja Sharma, Muskan Gupta, Saksham Sinha and Ishita Mishra who put their heads together to make a model of Buckingham Palace, which was appreciated by the jury. Looking forward to more action and challenges next year.....





# Computer Department Annual Report (2017-18)

Somerville School Greater NOIDA participated in various Interschool IT fests and won many prizes

Date : 5/5/17

Events : Unplugged Techfest, Khaitan Public School NOIDA

Prizes won : 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Web Weaving won by Aman Mishra, XII C and Sankalp Sharma, XII C  
1<sup>st</sup> prize in IT Quiz, won by Prachir Agrawal, XI B and Abhijeet Prasad, XII C

Date : 21/5/17

Events : Incognito Techfest, Somerville School NOIDA

Prizes won : 1<sup>st</sup> prize in IT Quiz, won by Prachir Agrawal, XI B and Abhijeet Prasad, XII C  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Digital Imaging, won by Sarthak Sharma, XII C and Ishita Mishra, XI C

Date : 28/11/17

Events : DPS Greater NOIDA

Prizes won : 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in IT Quiz at NEXUS 2017 was, won by Prachir Agrawal, XI B and Aman Yadav, XI C

Somerville School Greater NOIDA also participated in TCS IT WIZ Quiz held at IIT Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017. The quiz aims to build awareness and emphasize the importance of IT skills and enables students to look at technology through an innovative perspective. It was a great learning experience.

Somerville School Greater NOIDA Participated in International Informatics Olympiad (IIO) 2017 organized by Silver Zone Foundation. Our school has been taking part in this competition since 2007. It infuses a healthy competitive spirit among the students. It boosts their confidence level. Olympiads inculcates the spirit of positive challenges and prepare students for their life ahead. IIO attempts to assess the competency and proficiency of the students in the field of Computer Science.

This year IIO was held on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017. 132 students from classes I to XII participated in Olympiad.

18 students qualified for the second round which was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

S. No.	Student Name	Class	Medal	S. No.	Student Name	Class	Medal
1	Puransh Choudhary	I	Silver	10	Akshat Sharma	VII	Bronze
2	Saket Khurana	I	Gold	11	Divyansh Ranjan	VII	Silver
3	Ayush Yadav	II	Gold	12	Aviral Mishra	VII	Gold
4	Priyanshu Karn	III	Silver	13	Udit Singh	VIII	
5	Ritanya Thakur	III	Gold	14	Srijan Anand	VIII	Bronze
6	Ishan Yadav	IV	Bronze	15	Tanush Virmani	VIII	Silver
7	Arjun Gupta	IV	Silver	16	Deepti Tripathi	VIII	Gold
8	Naman Mishra	IV	Gold	17	Prachir Agarwal	XI	Gold
9	Abhishek Gupta	VI	Gold	18	Abhas Gahlot	XII	Gold



## COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Counselling Department in Somerville School, Greater NOIDA strove for continuous Gender Sensitization through formal classes in its curriculum.

A workshop on "Gender Sensitivity" held by CBSE in July 2017 was attended by the counselor. As initiated in 2016-17, this year too the students were sensitized on various growing up issues.

The students from Middle School (classes 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) participated in discussions on: 'Understanding Adolescence and Growing Up Process, Understanding and Applying Life Skills like Empathy, Critical and Creative Thinking'. The sessions also included encouraging children to appreciate oneself and the importance of communicating to the person they admire as well. The other highlights of the areas covered were session on 'Anger Management' in which the focus was to understand and accept anger as a normal emotion, how to identify the warning signs and triggering factors and how to avoid reactions that are self-harming or harmful to others. Sessions were also directed towards understanding and identifying peer pressure and developing Gender Sensitivity.

The Senior School students (classes 9-12) had discussions based on understanding their own strengths and weaknesses and the situations they view as opportunities and threats. Also, how to view the decisions from the viewpoint of feeling responsible for others, develop insight into healthy relationships, awareness on sexual abuse and the Legal Redressal System, Awareness on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), HIV and AIDS as well as the social issues related to them were discussed.

The counselor was also a part of the workshop on "Security of Child in Gautam Budh Nagar District" organized by the District Magistrate in Greater NOIDA. All the safety issues as per the directions given are being implemented in the school as well.

The students approach such discussions with a lot of excitement and some come forward to seek one-on-one guidance on issues like how to help one's parent on how to quit smoking or how to curb anger outburst or whether HIV spreads by sharing food. We look forward to a future in which the adolescents will build a positive self-esteem and a capacity to cope up with crisis.



## ALMANAC 2017 - 2018 PREPARATORY SCHOOL



**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017**

The new session commenced for Nursery and KG with a prayer by the Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

### **Orange Colour Day**

Orange Colour Day was celebrated with zest and zeal by class KG A. The assembly began by welcoming Vice Principal, Ms. Monisha R. Claudius with an orange fruit pin-up and a pen followed by a prayer. Students sang a hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and they spoke on the origin of the word 'orange'. They stated facts about the orange colour, fruits and vegetables. It was an educative session for the young learners.

**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

### **Inter Section Colouring Competition**

An Inter Section Colouring Competition was held for classes Nursery and KG.

The following students won the colouring competition from Nursery and KG:

1.	Vihaan Kumar Jha	Nursery A	Aanya Gautam	KG A
2.	Ishaan Awasthy	Nursery D	Priyal Rao	KG B
3.	Anishka Singh	Nursery B	Rishi Chanda	KG A

**11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

An Inter Section Art Competition was held for classes Nursery and KG. Tearing and Pasting activity was done by the students.



The following students won the Art Competition from Nursery and KG:

1.	Ansh Chaudhary	Nursery C	Yuvraj	KG A
2.	Mishit Verma	Nursery A	Riddhima Bhatt	KG B
3.	Saismita Dora	Nursery A	Aditi Srivastava	KG D

**13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

### **Arbour Day Celebrations-Tree Plantation Campaign**

Arbour Day was celebrated as the Tree Plantation Day was organised. The tiny tots of Nursery



wing were very enthusiastic and enjoyed participating in the tree plantation activity. They were told about the importance of trees and the tree plantation. Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal and Ms. Shefali Egbert, Head Mistress planted the saplings with the little ones on this occasion.

**21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017**

**Pink Colour Day**

Pink Colour Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by class KG B. Students stated the origin and facts about the colour 'Pink'. It was an interactive session as the children were asked questions about Pink colour. This fun filled activity encouraged students to identify and learn more about colours.

**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

**Inter Section Western Music Competition**

To enhance the singing talent of our little ones, an Inter Section Western Music Competition was held. The children presented beautiful hymns and songs. It was judged by our Head Mistress Mrs. Shefali Egbert and Mrs. Neetu. It was a great learning experience for our students.

The winners of the competition are as follows:

- |    |           |      |
|----|-----------|------|
| 1. | Nursery C | KG A |
| 2. | Nursery A | KG D |
| 3. | Nursery B | KG B |



**11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**White Colour Day**

White Colour Day was celebrated by the students of class KG C. Students spoke about various white objects. They also educated everyone by mentioning

important facts about the colour white with the help of different props. It was an engaging session for the little ones as they participated in various activities which taught them more about the colour 'White'.

**14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**Independence Day Special Assembly- Inter Section Hindi Patriotic Song**

The Independence Day programme commenced with a prayer. The children spoke on the importance of Independence Day. Later Head Mistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert shared important information about this day.

An Inter-section Hindi Patriotic Song Competition was held for classes Nursery and KG. The little



ones sang songs with patriotic fervour to exhibit their love for the country.

The winners were as follows:

- |    |           |      |
|----|-----------|------|
| 1. | Nursery D | KG B |
| 2. | Nursery B | KG D |
| 3. | Nursery C | KG A |



#### **Special Assembly: Eid**

A special assembly to celebrate the festival of Eid was held for the students of Preparatory School. The assembly began with a prayer. The children spoke on the

importance of the festival and also recited a poem. Our students from class KG danced with immense enthusiasm to the tunes of 'Eid Mubarak'.

#### **Purple Colour Day**

Purple colour day was celebrated by the students of class KG D. The students were excited to present the programme. The students shared interesting facts about the colour Purple. They spoke about purple objects they see around them. The Headmistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert appreciated the efforts of the tiny tots.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

##### **Special Assembly: Teachers Day**

Teachers Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September with a lot of enthusiasm by the Preparatory School. Mrs Shefali Egbert, Headmistress graced the occasion. The students put up a wonderful show for their loving teachers.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

##### **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Dusshera /Gandhi Jayanti**

Keeping the festive spirit alive, the students of Preparatory School celebrated Dusshera and Gandhi Jayanti. The teachers enacted a scene from the 'Ramayana' which teaches the victory of good over evil. Children spoke on the relevance of Gandhi Jayanti.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

##### **Grandparents Day**

To honour the 'Grandparents' the students of Nursery and KG sang songs and danced beautifully. The grandparents





enjoyed the performances of the little ones. They also participated with great zeal in the special games organised for them.

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

**Special Assembly- Diwali**

**Intersection Hindi Recitation Competition**

A special assembly was conducted on the occasion of Diwali.

Students of classes Nursery and KG participated in a group recitation competition and recited the compositions enthusiastically.

The winners are as follows:

- |    |                         |      |
|----|-------------------------|------|
| 1. | Nursery C               | KG A |
| 2. | Nursery D               | KG C |
| 3. | Nursery A and Nursery B | KG D |



**1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017**

**Story Narration Competition**

The students of Nursery and KG narrated value based stories with much enthusiasm.

The winners were:

- |    |                 |      |                  |           |
|----|-----------------|------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Shomili Prakash | KG D | Eva Kuttickal    | Nursery D |
| 2. | Vani Pandey     | KG A | Om Singh         | Nursery B |
| 3. | Aarav Singh     | KG B | Siddhartha Singh | Nursery A |
|    | Harshita        | KG C | Arpana Kennedy   | Nursery C |

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017**

**Guru Nanak Jayanti**

A special assembly was conducted on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. The students of Nursery dressed up as Sikh Gurus and presented an action song.

**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Alphabet Art Day**

Alphabet Art Day was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 for classes Nursery and KG. This activity was conducted to make learning the alphabets in a play-way manner.

**30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**English Conversation Day**

The students of class Nursery and KG were given a topic to prepare on. They were asked to present the topic and to converse with other students in English.





**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

English Calligraphy Competition was held for classes Nursery and KG.

The winners were as follows:

	<b>Nursery A</b>	<b>Nursery B</b>	<b>Nursery C</b>	<b>Nursery D</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Siddhant Singh	Misha Singh	Diksha Bansal	Mithra M.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mohnish Bhardwaj	Yashashvi Gupta	Adhvaith Ajith	Ahana Bhattacharya
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saisha Ailawadi			
	Pranya Negi	Jaishnavi Baghel	Pragya Singh	Deeksha Gautam
	<b>KG A</b>	<b>KG B</b>	<b>KG C</b>	<b>KG D</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yuvraj Kumar	Arshia Gupta	Aarohi Singh	Aditi Srivastava
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gurleen Kaur	Joel Sendri	Abiya Khan	Sudhanshu Vajpai
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vani Pandey	Chaitagya Singh	Sambhav Kumar Singh	Nishkarsh Sharma

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

**Christmas Celebration**

The students of preparatory wing celebrated Christmas by staging a short play titled 'The Meaning of Christmas' followed by the nativity scene. The children danced and sang carols. Thus, bringing the festive spirit of the birth of Lord Jesus Christ to life.



**25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

**REPUBLIC DAY : ASSEMBLY**

Students of Preparatory school celebrated Republic Day on 25th January, 2018. The Students of KG class dressed up as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Sardar Vallabhai Patel,

Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. They spoke about the contribution of founding father's of the Indian Constitution. Students of Nursery presented a poem 'Hum Bharat ke Rakhwale Hai'. Patriotic song 'Rum Pum Pum' was also presented by the students of class KG-C. Headmistress- Mrs. Shefali Egbert appreciated the teachers and students.

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

**Inter-section Craft Competition**

A craft competition was also conducted for all the students. Class Nursery made beautiful Tulips using the craft of paper folding. The students of class KG made a hut with paper folding and also drew a scenery around it.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Winners of District Level Science Exhibition  
at Bihari Lal Inter College**



**Winners of 'Mark the Success' Quiz show**



**Winners of Panel Discussion on Financial and Social Inclusion through Indian Post - 1st Prize**



**Winners of the Britannia Quiz Conquest: Pre - Primary**



**Winners of Rangoli Competition at Father Agnel School,  
Greater NOIDA**



**Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest - Primary**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest- Seniors



Aditi Pande (X D)- Special Jury Award, Dhvani ' 17 Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi



Daniel Awana (VIII D)- Winner at Junior Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R K Puram



Gauri Mohan (X B) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX D) 2nd Prize - Duet Swarm '17 Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh



Gauri Mohan (X B) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX D) 2nd Prize - Duet Harmony '17 Music Competition at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church



Gauri Mohan (X B)- 3rd Prize in Female Solo Anil Das Memorial Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R K Puram



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Adya Choudhary (III C)**  
stood 3rd and won a printer in Britannia Conquest



**Archita Pant (VII D)** won a Gold Medal in Karate Championship



**Ansh Chaudhary (Nur A)** stood 3rd and won a printer in BritanniaConquest



**Harleen Kaur Randhana (KG)** stood 6th and won a trophy in Britannia Conquest



**Aryan Soni (VII C)** in International Olympiad of Mathematics



**Deepti Tripathi (VIII D) and Tanush Virmani (VIII B)** got state Rank 2nd in Informatics Olympiad and won a silver medal and a pen set (2)



**Tanush Virmani (VIII B)** - Topper of NSTSE



**Riddhima Jain (IV D)** stood first in International Olympiad of Mathematics



# ACHIEVEMENTS



Winners of English Olympiad



Winners of NSTSE Exam



Winners of Essay Writing Competition conducted by  
TATA CLASS EDGE



Winners of Essay Writing Competition conducted by TATA  
CLASS EDGE



Winners of Hindi Olympiad



Winners of Mathematics Olympiad



Winners of Talent Hunt Olympiad



Yashwin Bothna (2 A) stood 3rd and won a printer in  
Britannia Conquest



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Katherin Peter (V A), Winner of Solo, Junior Music Competition held at Apostles Methodist Church, R.K.Puram**



**Gauri Mohan (X D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX D) 3rd Prize - Duet at Apostles Methodist Church, R K Puram**



**Gauri Mohan (X D) 3rd Prize in Solo Female Harmony '17 Music at Competition Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA**



**Swaram'17 Music Competition 3rd Prize (Quartet) at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh**



**Vinayak Pathak (IX B) -1st Prize in Solo Male in Dhvani '17 Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi**



**Vidushi Mahatha (XI C), Gauri Mohan (X D), Mansi Mahatha (XI B) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (IX D) 2nd Prize in Quartet Harmony '17**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Vinayak Pathak (IX B) -1st Prize in Solo Male in Harmony '17 at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA**



**Western Music Choir -1st Prize in Junior Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R K Puram**



**Western Music Choir- 1st Prize in Harmony '17 held at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA**



**Winners of Carol Singing Competition (Alegrase '17) at Father Agnel School, Greater NOIDA**



**Western Music Choir-2nd Prize in Swaram '17 Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh**



**Western Music Choir - 2nd Prize in Dhvani '17 Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi**



# Happy Birthday Ma'am

You held my hand when I stumbled,  
You guarded me like a shield,  
You guided me through thick and thin,  
In me, you have always believed.  
You are the strength inside me,  
For you have a lion's heart.  
You made me a valiant soldier,  
You are my journey's constant part.  
You taught me to fight my fears,  
With a face brimmed with glee.  
You stood by me when I suffered,  
You've surfaced the best of me.  
You watered the dormant seed of knowledge,  
Which I hid in dark ignorance,  
You took me to the right path,  
And instilled the virtue of courage.  
Your warmth takes me to my home,  
Your love I've always witnessed.  
You are the spine to my success,  
As my potential you harnessed.  
So here I stand today,  
With a message of much amplitude.  
You've made me better than yesterday,  
So here I pay my gratitude.

By Priyanshi Banarjee  
XI A











8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

### INTER SECTION ENGLISH GROUP RECITATION

An Inter Section English Group Recitation Competition for class KG and Nursery was

held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. The students recited poems with great enthusiasm. Headmistress Mrs. Shefali Egbert appreciated the teachers' and students' efforts.

### Healthy Food Week

Healthy Food Week was celebrated to inculcate healthy eating habits among the little ones. The students were given a well-balanced and nutritious menu to be followed during the week. A special assembly was also conducted to create awareness about the healthy eating habits. The students were discouraged to eat junk food.





# Almanac 2017 - 2018

## Primary Calendar Of Events



*Beautiful things happen when you distance yourself from the negative.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017

The new session commenced for classes I to V with a Hymn, Bible reading and a word of prayer by the Principal Dr. Mary Thomas.

### 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

English Creative Writing Competition for classes II-V was conducted by the respective English teachers in the classrooms. All the classes were given three topics each and students were given a choice to write on any one topic. Students displayed enthusiasm and interest to pen their creative ideas and also their writing skills. Students were judged on the basis of content, creativity and grammatical accuracy.

Handwriting was also judged in the same competition. Some students wrote neatly in perfect flow using artistic strokes.

### INTER SECTION ENGLISH CREATIVE WRITING AND HANDWRITING COMPETITION (II - V)

#### RESULTS

Position	Name	Class	Position	Name	Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anvi Agnihotri	II C	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arav Saxena	IV A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Samridhi Singla	II A	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naman Mishra	IV B
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shubhang P. Mallick	II D	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malishka Singh	IV C
1 <sup>st</sup>	Noah Sahu	III A	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tarushi Singh	V C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aditya N. Pande	III B	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth A. Joseph	VA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aarya Choudhary	III C	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yash Awana	VA
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shreyanshi	VB

### HANDWRITING COMPETITION

#### RESULTS

Position	Name	Class	Position	Name	Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Deepika Mishra	II C	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mahima Dhanraj	IV A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob J. Akkara	II A	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anvi Shukla	IV C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harman Kaur	II D	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arjun Gupta	IV A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pavithra Ramachandran	III A	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Malishka Singh	IV C



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ritanya Thakur	III A	1 <sup>st</sup>	Archita	VD
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gaurav C. Dash	III D	1 <sup>st</sup>	Madhavi	VD
			2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sirjan Kaur	VC
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Divyanshu	VC

### 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Hindi Calligraphy Competition for classes II - V was conducted in the respective classes. Best form of writing was selected from each class. An Inter Section Competition was conducted in the classrooms and students were given a choice to write on any one topic out of the three topics given to them.

### HINDI HAND WRITING COMPETITION (CLASSES II - V) RESULTS

Position	Name	Class	Position	Name	Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anushree Gupta	II A	1 <sup>st</sup>	Satakshi	IV B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kinshuk Tripathi	II D	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rufus Reney Methew	IV C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saanvi Sapru	II B	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arjun Gupta	IV A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ritanya Thakur	III A	1 <sup>st</sup>	Madhavi	VD
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pritha	III D	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pari Porwal	VB
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yoshita Bhagat	III D	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renee Sarah Williams	VA

### HINDI CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION (CLASSES II - V) RESULTS

Position	Name	Class	Position	Name	Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Deepika Mishra	II C	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sanjana Ghosh	IV D
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kushi Agarwal	II B	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naman Mishra	IV B
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harshit Singh Sharma	II A	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Divyanshree Roy	IV C
1 <sup>st</sup>	Umair Ahamad	III D	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tarushi Singh	VC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dirgha Mishra	III B	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janya Singh	VC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arya Singh	III D	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Additya Tripathi	VA

### 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

The Investiture Ceremony inducts that office bearers for the session 2017-18 was held. The new Junior School Student Council was duly elected democratically. They pledged to perform the various duties and responsibilities of the school with sincerity, honour and pride.

### 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Inter House Indian Dance Competition for Junior School was organized in the inner quadrangle, on the theme of Patriotism. Each House presented the dance with perfection. Songs appropriate to the theme were selected. The hardwork of the House Mistresses and Dance Teachers was evident in the students' performance. The costumes and the makeup of the students represented a true picture of our brave soldiers which aroused the feeling of patriotism among the students and



teachers. The children enthralled the audience with their songs. The judges for the competition were Ms. Mahima Kashyap and Ms. Puneet Virdi.

### INTER-HOUSE INDIAN DANCE COMPETITION

#### RESULTS

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
House	Daniel	Moses	David

#### PARTICIPANTS OF DANIEL HOUSE

##### SONG : KANDHO SE MILTE HAI KADAM

S. No.	Name	Class	S. No.	Name	Class
1.	Dishika Gupta	IV A	15.	Janya Singh	VC
2.	Sambit Kr. Dash	IV A	16.	Aakhya Agnihotri	VD
3.	Aarushi Gupta	IV B	17.	Anushka Verma	VD
4.	Shairil Singh	IV B	18.	Riya Mahur	VD
5.	Shubh Choudhary	IV C	19.	Prachi Srivastava	VD
6.	Aayushka Singh	IV C	20.	Sakshi Singh	VD
7.	Neha Bhati	IV C	21.	Divit Rastogi	VD
8.	Harshit Yadav	VA	22.	Aditya Raman	VD
9.	Yash Awana	VA	23.	Ayush Agarwal	VD
10.	Ananya John	VA	24.	Krishnanshul Srivastav	VD
11.	Suryansh V. Tripathi	VA	25.	Raphael Kumola	VD
12.	Samrat Singh Nagwanshi	VB			
13.	Yashveer Singh	VB			
14.	Trijal Shekhar Shukla	VC			

**29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL MATHEMATICS EXHIBITION

Mathematics is the music of reason. Without Mathematics there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is a number. The Junior Math Exhibition was held in the Inner Quadrangle. The participants were guided and trained by the Math teachers with the aim to enhance their understanding, thinking and creative skills. An array of activities was conducted for classes I - V. Students exuberated with joy and participated enthusiastically in the activities.

Students of classes I and II made beautiful 2D designs and models. Class III made models on 'Measurement of Weight' and displayed 'Measurement of Length and Mass' through various activities. Students of class IV participated with zeal and showed 'Symmetry' on greeting cards. They also put in their heart and soul to make attractive 3D models which were eye catching. Class V displayed beautiful designs on 'Tessellations' and scenery on 'Tangrams' which were a treat to the eye.





*Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.*

#### 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

The Junior School Inter House Spellathon Competition was conducted on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for classes III- V. Students were given a word bank to learn the spellings and selection was made after a round of written Spelling Test conducted in the class. Students were selected from each class to represent their House as a team. There were four teams in all. Five rounds were conducted. Students displayed interest and exhibited power of retention and alertness to respond.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE SPELLATHON

##### RESULTS

Position	Name	Class/Sec	House
1 <sup>st</sup>	Irene Jijo	VB	Moses
	Shreyas Sahu	VB	
	Manav Singh	IVC	
	Adya Choudhary	IIIC	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Divyanshu	IVA	David
	Sirjan Kaur	VC	
	Naman Mishra	IVB	
	Arya Singh	IIID	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Renee S. Williams	VA	Daniel
	Prachi Srivastava	VD	
	Rufus R. Mathews	IVC	
	Navyansh	IIIB	

#### 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

The Inter House Western Music Competition was held in the Inner quadrangle. Students participated in Solo and Group categories. Selection of songs for the solo category included songs of famous American singers and song writers namely- Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber, Adele and Back street Boys. Students in these category exhibited confidence and melody and enthralled the audience with their singing. The group category included songs from the movie 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,' where once again the blend of harmony and melody was displayed by the young singers. The students were trained by the Western Music teachers. Principal Dr. Mary Thomas praised the effort and hard work of students and the teachers too.

The judges for the competition were Ms. Libina Alex and Ms. Manisha Joji who appreciated the talent of the students.



**JUNIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE WESTERN MUSIC COMPETITION  
RESULTS**

**SOLO CATEGORY :**

Position	Name	Class	House
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shaurya Elijah Nanda	V C	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anvita Singh Danu	V D	David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kathrin Peter	V B	Solomon

**GROUP CATEGORY :**

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
House	Moses	David	Daniel

**PARTICIPANTS OF MOSES HOUSE:**

S. No.	Name	Class/Sec	S. No.	Name	Class/Sec
1.	Akarsh Garg	IV A	13.	Jiya Prakash	V A
2.	Aradhya Goyal	IV A	14.	Jiya Rajput	V D
3.	Dirgha Mishra	III B	15.	Mohit Kumar Dubey	V B
4.	Bhavya Jha	V A	16.	Shoury	IV A
5.	Adya Choudhary	III C	17.	Nilay Singh	IV C
6.	Aakshat Saxena	IV A	18.	Pooja Sharma	V C
7.	Shaurya Elijah Nanda	V C	19.	Agrim Rana	V B
8.	Ridhi Sharma	IV C	20.	Suhani Bhati	V B
9.	Aadrika	V A	21.	Komal	IV B
10.	Sanjana Ghosh	IV D	22.	Nandni	IV C
11.	Irene Jijo	V B	23.	Ishitv Arya	IV D
12.	Ansh Singh	IV B	24.	Atharv Garg	IV A



*Every positive thought is a silent prayer which  
will change your life.*

**10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017: ENVIRONMENT WEEK (TERRA FRIENDS)**

The Environment Week provides an opportunity to enhance the need to conserve the environment. The idea is to sensitize children towards their environment through various activities spanning over the week. Different activities were organized for each class with maximum students participating in it. Various activities were conducted in the classes. Pictures of flowers, animals and trees were drawn by Class I and II. Students of Class III made Paper Bags and



Bookmarks, initiating a small step towards conservation of Nature. Students of class IV used waste material to make beautiful things. A Poster Making activity for Class V was also organised to inculcate the value of conservation of natural resources. The entire week was eventful. The children looked forward to the activities each day participating, learning and working together. Results for Environment Week are as follows:

### ENVIRONMENT WEEK RESULTS

#### CLASS I : DRAWING AND COLOURING OF FLOWERS, ANIMALS AND TREES.

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	LEHAN GHOSH	ID
2 <sup>ND</sup>	AARNA TRIPATHI	IC
3 <sup>RD</sup>	RUDRASINGH	IA

#### CLASS II : DRAWING AND COLOURING OF FLOWERS, ANIMALS AND TREES.

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	MEGHNA	II A
2 <sup>ND</sup>	SHYAMAL GARG	II C
3 <sup>RD</sup>	ARNAV MITTAL	II C
	HARMAN KAUR	II D

#### CLASS III : MAKING OF PAPER BAGS AND BOOKMARKS

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AAHAN BUDAKOTI	III C
2 <sup>ND</sup>	PRATYUSH GUPTA	III C
3 <sup>RD</sup>	AYUSH SINGH	III C
	DIVNOOR SIDHU	III B

#### CLASS IV : BEST OUT OF WASTE

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	AVATIKA VERMA	IV C
2 <sup>ND</sup>	PRAPTI YADAV	IV D
3 <sup>RD</sup>	GARGI MUKHERJEE	IV B

#### CLASS V: POSTER MAKING- 'JOIN HANDS WITH NATURE'

POSITION	NAME	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>ST</sup>	ELIZABETH ANNA JOSEPH	VA
2 <sup>ND</sup>	SIRJAN KAUR BHINDER	VC
3 <sup>RD</sup>	ANGEL GAUTAM	VA



## AUGUST

*Be strong when you are weak, Brave when you are scared and Humble when you are victorious.*

**5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY' -ANNUAL DAY 2017 FOR CLASSES IV AND V**

The Annual Day for Junior School is a much awaited event. Somerville School, Greater NOIDA staged its Annual Function at the Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA. The students of Classes IV and V presented 'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'. Each child enhanced his/her acting skill. The function commenced with a hymn. The occasion was graced by Members of the Management of Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India along with other distinguished guests and parents. All the students participated enthusiastically and danced to the tunes of Western Music Choir. The play was appreciated and admired by all the guests and parents. The captivating enactment and the perfection with which the young artists performed charmed everyone. The spectacular show was a grand success. The vote of thanks was extended by the Honourable Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

**14<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

**KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION**

Krishna Janmashtami is celebrated on the eighth day of 'Savana' month, Janmashtami marks the birth of Krishna. The festival of Janmashtami was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and grandeur by the children of Primary Section at Somerville School Greater NOIDA on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017. In the special morning assembly, a heartwarming skit performance was staged by the students depicting the spiritual significance of the festival which made them aware about values of unity and faith. Children were dressed as Krishna, Radha in colourful outfits. Children celebrated the occasion by singing and dancing with great joy. The festival teaches the value of sharing. It was a memorable day for one and all.

**31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017**

Dancing is a great way to experience joy, success and feelings. Everyone loves this amazing flavour of human art. Infact, it is an art which not only requires a completely physical but also mental as well as spiritual attention. The Inter-House Western Dance Competition was held in the Inner Quadrangle. The beautiful dances selected by the House Mistresses were apt and it was a treat to see the young ones dancing. The participants were guided and trained by the House Mistresses with the help of dance teachers. The Judges for the competition were Ms Puneet Viridi Roy and Ms Mahima Kashyap. Vice Principal, Ms Monisha Claudius and the judges greatly appreciated the talent and effort of the children. The audience was mesmerized by the magic and charm of the little dancers. Daniel House was declared the winner - Moses House stood second and the third position was awarded to Solomon House. The event aimed to give the students a platform to showcase their talent.



# Expressions 2017

## Annual Inter School Fest



Principal, Dr Mary Thomas kindles the lamp of knowledge



Our Western Music Choir presents a Hymn



Our Comperers - Muskan Gupta and Vachan Shetty



Our Comperers - Sneha Sanwal and Akanksha Gupta



Face Painting



Flower Making and Arrangement



Folder Making Competition



Judges of English Debate



# Expressions 2017

## Annual Inter School Fest



**Card Making Competition**



**Judges of Indian Music Competition**



**Judges of Sanskrit Shloka Competition**



**Eloquence' English Debate**



**Judges of Western Music Competition**



**Mathematics Quiz**



**Nrityaranjini - Group Dance- Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat**



**'Nrityaranjini' - Solo Dance Competition**



# Expressions 2017

## Annual Inter School Fest



On the Spot Painting Competition



'Rendition' - Western Music Competition



Brain Teasers



C++ Programming



Clay Modelling



Computer Wizards



'Rendition' - Western Music Competition-Group Song



Sanskrit Shloka Chanting



# Expressions 2017

## Annual Inter School Fest



**Science Showdown - Science Quiz**



**Spell Bee**



**Stick Figure Animation Competition**



**Sur Sangam - Group Instrumental Competition**



**'Sur Sangam' - Group Instrumental**



**'Sur Sangam' - Group Song - Qawwali**



**'Vers Libre' - English Poetry Recitation Competition**



**Winners of Expressions 2017 with Principal Dr Mary Thomas**



## INTER HOUSE WESTERN DANCE COMPETITION

## RESULTS

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
House	Daniel	Moses	Solomon

## PARTICIPANTS OF DANIEL HOUSE

S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec	S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec
1.	Deepika	III A	12.	Anushka Verma	VD
2.	Riddhima Sharma	III D	13.	Anusha Poddar	VA
3.	Ishan Amol Nawal	III D	14.	Riya Mahur	VD
4.	Dishika Gupta	IV A	15.	Anika Sharma	VC
5.	Angela Binu George	IV A	16.	Gourav Sharma	VC
6.	Neha Bhatt	IV C	17.	Yashveer Singh	VB
7.	Abhinav Sharma	IV D	18.	Harshit Yadav	VA
8.	Sanchit Varshney	IV D	19.	Sakshi Singh	VD
9.	Ruchika Singh	IV B	20.	Devanshi Pandey	VA
10.	Mani Shahi	VC	21.	Renee Sarah Williams	VA
11.	Prachi Shrivastava	VD			

19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

## EVS EXHIBITION

The Primary section of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organized an EVS Exhibition in the Inner Quadrangle and Biology lab. The exhibits displayed aimed at engaging all the children in order to synergize their learning. Students of class I and II made models on topics like healthy food and hygiene, means of transport, communication and traffic rules. Class III students made models of different houses found in different geographical regions. The different habitats of animals were shown through the exhibits made by students of class IV. The working of human body was explained with the help of models of organ systems. They also made models showing different geographical divisions of India. Models of solar panels and wind mills were also displayed to stress on the use of renewable resources and conservation of energy. The Exhibition was highly appreciated by one and all.

SEPTEMBER

*Character is a diamond that  
scratches every other stone.*

11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

An Inter house Indian and Instrumental Music Competition was held on 11<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 in the AV Room. It was held in Solo and Group categories. The students in both the categories participated with much zeal. Both the Solo and Group songs sung by the students bore a true testimony to the talent and hard work of the students and also depicted the tireless efforts put in by



the music faculty in training them.

The students of Instrumental Music Competition were equally efficient. Brimming with zest and confidence, the house participation was at their best and exhibited a perfect blend of harmony, rhythm and coordination.

Our Principal Dr Mary Thomas appreciated the efforts of the students and the teachers in identifying and nurturing their talent.

The Judges for the competition, Mrs. Renu Sharma and Ms Lisa Thomas also praised the students and encouraged others to participate in future activities.

### INTER HOUSE INDIAN MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COMPETITION RESULTS

#### CATEGORY : SOLO

Position	Name of Student	Class/Sec	House
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aakhya Agnihotri	VD	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nandini Awana	IVC	Moses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sirjan Kaur Bhinder	VC	David

#### CATEGORY : GROUP

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
House	Moses	David	Solomon	Daniel

#### PARTICIPANTS OF MOSES HOUSE

S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec	S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec
1.	Adya Choudhary	III C	12.	Mohit Dubey	VB
2.	Nandini Awana	IVC	13.	Abir Hussain	VC
3.	Jayati Arora	IVD	14.	Shaurya Elijah Nanda	VC
4.	Aradhya Goel	IVA	15.	Aadrika	VA
5.	Atharv Garg	IVA	16.	Siddhant Sharma	VA
6.	Jiya Prakash Singh	VA	17.	Agrim Rana	VB
7.	Krish Bhardwaj	VA	18.	Anushree Basak	VB
8.	Puja Sharma	VC	19.	Rupal Kushwaha	VA
9.	Irene Jijo	VB	20.	Shreyansh Sahu	VB
10.	Mayank Bansal	VD	21.	Abhinav Baisoya	VC
11.	Shreyanshi Shandilya	VC			

#### PARTICIPANTS OF DAVID HOUSE

S. No.	Name of Students	Class/sec	S. No.	Name of Students	Class/sec
1.	Anjali	IVA	11.	Joseph Khatri	VB
2.	Aditya Yadav	IVB	12.	Dhairya Dheer	VC
3.	Naman Mishra	IVB	13.	Isha Goyal	VC
4.	Kshitij Uniyal	IVC	14.	Srijan Kaur Bhinder	VC
5.	Pragalbh Dwivedi	IVC	15.	Tarun Singh	VD



6.	Divyanshree Ray	IV C	16.	Aayushman Sharma	VD
7.	Ayush Joshi	VA	17.	Archita Tripathi	VD
8.	Aditya Singh	VA	18.	Pratyush Gupta	III C
9.	Vaishnavi Badola	VA	19.	Aditi Kaushik	III D
10.	Deshana Singhai	VB	20.	Rushil Ivan Egbert	IV C

### INTER HOUSE INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION

#### RESULTS

Position	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
House	David	Moses	Daniel

#### PARTICIPANTS OF DAVID HOUSE

S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec	S. No.	Name of Students	Class/Sec
1.	Pratyush Gupta	III C	8.	Sirjan Kaur Bhinder	VC
2.	Aditi Kaushik	III D	9.	Isha Goyal	VC
3.	Anjali	IV A	10.	Archita Tripathi	VD
4.	Naman Mishra	IV B	11.	Aayushman Sharma	VD
5.	Divyanshree Ray	IV C	12.	Tarun Singh	VD
6.	Rushil Ivan Egbert	IV C	13.	Pragalbh Dwivedi	IV C
7.	Vaishnavi Badola	VA			

**28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

#### Special Assembly-Dussehra

Students and staff of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated the auspicious festival of Dussehra on 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 in the school quadrangle with great enthusiasm and energy. A special assembly was conducted in which students spoke on the significance of the festival. The colourful cultural programme started with the narration and enactment of the legendary story from Ramayana, where the students dressed like Ram, Sita and the demon king, Ravana. The students assimilated the entire story depicting the victory of good over evil with great interest and awe. A mesmerising dance performance depicting Goddess Durga punishing the demon Mahishasura for his evil deeds, left the audience spellbound. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas appreciated everyone for presenting a wonderful assembly. She urged the students to always follow the righteous path and remember the message that the festival teaches i.e - 'GOOD ALWAYS TRIUMPHS OVER EVIL'.

**OCTOBER**

*An attitude of positive expectation is the mark of the superior personality.*

**6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

#### Field Trip To The Kiran Nadar Museum Of Art: 06<sup>th</sup> and 07<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organized a Field Trip to Kiran Nadar Art Museum as a part of



students' enrichment programme. More than 250 students from Classes IV and V visited the museum. The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art was the initiative of Ms Kiran Nadar wherein hands on experiences were crafted and created for the school children. The students had a glimpse of the modern and contemporary art forms and works from different corners of India. A slide show and an interactive session by the curator further helped the students to appreciate the art and artefacts. This was followed by the screening of a motivational movie 'I Am Kalam' produced by Smile Foundation which inspired the young minds, who carried home the message that 'It is important to dream big to achieve something in life, as achievers are the ones who dare to dream and work hard with perseverance to make their dream come true'.

## NOVEMBER

*The possibilities are unlimited as long as you are true to your life's purpose.*

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

### **Puppet Making Workshop**

Creativity is a great motivator because it makes us interested in what we are doing. To encourage imagination and creativity amongst the students, the Junior wing of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organized a workshop on hand made puppets on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 which was conducted by Anchal Malhotra and Neelima Lamba from Primary Plus. Students from classes II to IV participated in the workshop. They learnt different, innovative and attractive ways of making puppets using different material like colour paper, ice cream sticks, velvet cloth etc. They put their best foot forward and took great interest in making the puppets. The objective of the workshop was to develop the creative talent of the students in order to encourage the craftsmanship of the students.

## DECEMBER

*Successful people never worry about what others are doing.*

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

### **MAGIC SHOW**

A magic show by the famous magician N K Samrat from the Red Cross Society was organized in Somerville School, Greater NOIDA on 05<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Students from classes I to VI watched the show with great interest, curiosity and were amazed to see all the magic tricks. They kept on guessing how the tricks worked. All of them could not stop applauding as he unfolded his magic tricks one by one. He performed various tricks and illusions that made the children and teachers watch in rapt attention and excitement. Borrowing things from children and making them disappear was another feature that impressed everyone. It was a fun-filled magic show which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The show was a great success and the students enjoyed it very much.



# FEBRUARY

*Awareness is not just noticing what is going on around you, but what is going on within you as well.*

## 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 : INTER-SECTION PAINTING COMPETITION-26.02.18

"Every child is an artist" By Pablo Picasso

An Inter-Section drawing and painting competition was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The hidden talents of students were reflected in their drawings. All the students eagerly participated in the competition. The theme for the activity was 'Holi'. Students from classes I to V participated in the activity. They exhibited their talents using different types of colours. Children came up with amazing art work. It helped in exploring the creative potential of the young minds.

### RESULTS : INTER SECTION PAINTING COMPETITION

Position	Name of the Student	Class	Position	Name of the Student	Class
1 <sup>st</sup>	Stuti Srivastava	I B	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naman Mishra	IV B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fatima	I D	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anvi Shukla	IV C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lehan Ghosh	I D	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sanjana Ghosh	IV D
	Prothayee	I A	1 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Anna Joseph	V A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aarohi Mukhopadhyay	II A	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vaishnavi Badola	V A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anushree Gupta	II A	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Srijan Kaur Bhinder	V C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shyamal Garg	II C			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Fatima	III C			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pavithra Ramachandran	III A			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Srinita	III B			
	Adya Choudhary	III C			

# MARCH

*The fear of Lord is the beginning of Wisdom*

## 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

### Art and Craft Workshop

An Art and Craft Workshop was conducted by Primary Plus for the students of Classes I to III. The resource persons Ms. Kajal Kalra, Ms. Sunita and Mr. Manoj conducted the workshop successfully. The students learnt the art of making different craft products using paper. It was a fun learning experience for the students. They learnt how to analyze, imagine and follow instructions thereby enhancing and developing their concentration power. Children were amused and astonished with different art forms. It gave the students new ideas that could be used in future. It encouraged, nurtured and showcased every child's natural creative flair.



# Almanac 2017 - 2018

## Senior Calender Of Events



*Beautiful things happen when you distance yourself from the negative.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017

The academic session 2017-18 commenced on 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 for Classes VI-X & XII with a word of prayer by our dear Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

### 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

English Creative Writing Competition and Handwriting Competition for Classes VI-X & XII was organized on 07.04.2017. The children were encouraged to be legible and given an opportunity to use their imagination to the ultimate.

### RESULTS

#### ENGLISH CREATIVE WRITING 2017-2018 ON 07.04.17

POSITION	NAME	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ayaan Verma	VI A	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anjoorie Sinha		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Veronica Sethi		David
1 <sup>st</sup>	Avishi Dutta	VI B	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arya Tiwari		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paavni Mishra		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Samaira Srivastava	VI C	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sai Praveen Moturi		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashmit Srivastava		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vidushi Singh	VI D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aditya Singh		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chitrita Singh		David
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aleena Rajeev	VII A	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aviral Mishra		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pobitro Bhattacharya		David
1 <sup>st</sup>	Samarth Kanodia	VII B	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kasturi Raghuvansh		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kanishka Thakur		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Garvita Malik	VII C	Moses



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose Maria Varghese		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Divyaansh Ranjan		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vishesh Singh	VII D	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gunjan Agarwal		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vanshika Baisoya		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ishita Lohani	VIII A	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Devanshi Mittal		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aayushi Sharma		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Arsh Srivastava	VIII B	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rhythm		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Akanksha Srivastava		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Navya Goel	VIII C	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shuva Chakraborty		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ayushi Maurya		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anusha Pandey	VIII D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nandini Agarwal		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rukmani Sharma		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mansi Shahi	IX A	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ansh Sharma		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aryan Singh		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bhavika Choudhary	IX B	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prerna Poddar		Moses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shruti		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aditya Chauhan	IX C	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priyanka Tomar		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Adeep Sharma		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shreya Ruth Nanda	IX D	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anuroop Roy		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Piyush Gupta		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Harsh Sen	X A	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Utkarsh Rai		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swaransh Saxena		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Riya Sinha	X B	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Piyush Pandey		Moses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swasti Bharadwaj		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yasodhan Jothi Prakash	X C	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yashika Kaushik		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kashik Sen		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kiran Preet Kaur	X D	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tanya Srivastava		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arman Mohanty		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Siddharth	XI A	Daniel



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priyanshi Bannerjee		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gurleen Kaur		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Prachir Agrawal	XI B	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suprabha Bhattacharya		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pooja Sharma		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ojaswita Tiwari		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ishita Mishra	XI C	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saksham Sinha		Moses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shambhavi Singh		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Himanshu Manna	XI D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harsh Singh		Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vytik Vinod		David
1 <sup>st</sup>	Raj Lakshmi	XII A	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mallika Bandhyopadhyaya		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vaibhav		Daniel
1 <sup>st</sup>	Naimisha Srivastava	XII B	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Navrachit Klulsrestha		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Supreet Kaur		Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunit Basak	XII C	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Soumya Ranjan Sahu		Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Atharva		Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Samridhi Shashank	XII D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anadi Magar		David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shaina Jain		Daniel

### 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

An Oath ceremony on Road Safety was held. Students were sensitized about the need to observe traffic rules in life.

### 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

New Session for Classes X & XI began. Stream wise classes commenced.

### 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2017

A special assembly was organized on the auspicious occasion of Easter. The students witnessed the holy journey of Lord Jesus Christ from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. The journey overwhelmed the students. A short skit was also staged to explain to the students the significance of Easter and Christ's life.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017

A workshop on Cyber Crime was organized for teachers, parents and children. The resource person, Mr. Rakshit Tandon emphasized on the major online threats to children. It was a learning experience for all and guided everyone in the realm of the need of Cyber Safety.



## ←--- Magic SHOW ---→



Magic Show by Mr.N K Samrat



Box in a box



Illusion with water



Mesmerised



A captivating trick



Seeing isn't believing



Magic is all around



Abracadabra



Following the Magician

*A Magical experience for our students*



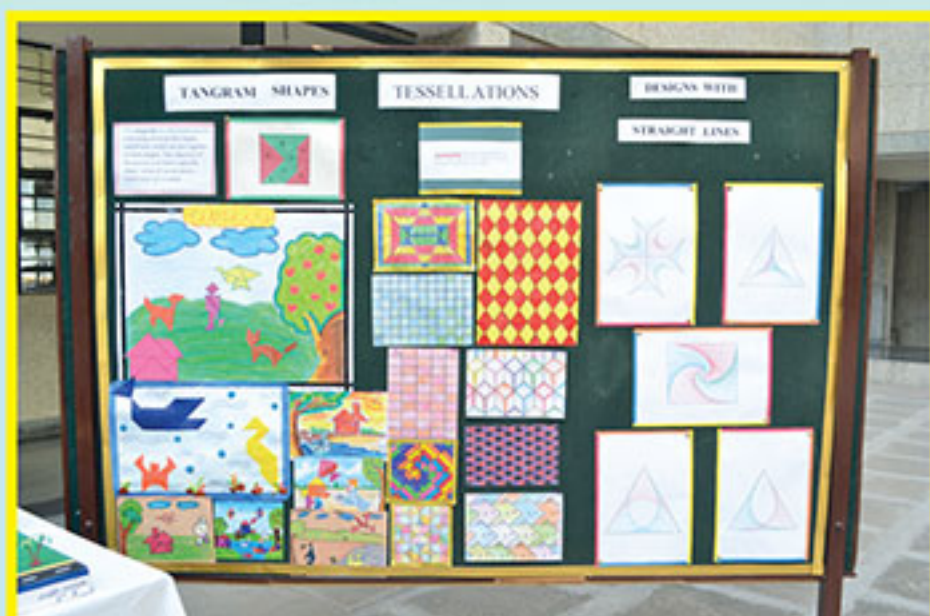
# MATHS EXHIBITION



Questionnaire Time with the Headmistress



Budding Mathematicians



Tangrams and Tessalations



Display Board on Measurement



Display Board on Symmetry and Shapes



Models prepared by our students



## PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP BY PRIMARY PLUS



Children engrossed in puppet making



Learning with fun



Learning to make puppets



A feather in their cap



Little hands at work



Keen learners



Fun to play with paper



Our colourful paper butterflies



# Workshop on Mega Evacuation Drill



Somerville School, Greater NOIDA in collaboration with the Disaster Management Cell and District Administration conducted an Evacuation Drill on 27th April 2017 at 11:00 am. The evacuation drill was conducted in 101 schools in the district on the same day and at the same time. Mr Dharmendra Kumar was nominated the co-ordinating representative from the school. Prior to the final drill numerous mock drills were conducted.

The main aim of the drill was to teach the students to safely evacuate their classrooms and school premises. The drill was the first of its kind to be conducted in the country. The Guinness World Records and Limca Book of Records have also documented the drill. School Principal, Dr Mary Thomas spoke about the importance of mock drill and added that such drills would yield results in times of actual emergency of a disaster. The mega drill was surely a milestone towards disaster resilience in NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, Yamuna Expressway region in Gautam Budh Nagar District towards achieving a Disaster Resilient Society.



# Mega Earthquake Evacuation Drill

Mega Earthquake Evacuation Drill in '101' Schools of NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, Yamuna Expressway, Gautam Buddha Nagar on the same day at the same time, held on April 27th 2017 at 11.00 am. It was organised by Disaster Management Cell, NOIDA and sponsored by NTPC, GAIL, & other reputed organisations.





# NEWSMAKERS

## Noida, Ghaziabad schools organise mock drills, investiture ceremonies

**Somerville School, Greater Noida celebrates Senior School Annual Day**



Somerville School, Greater Noida celebrated the Senior School Annual Day 'The Prince of Egypt' under the guidance of Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas. The dignitaries, Members of the Management and Principals of sister schools graced the occasion with their presence. The show started with a prayer followed by the play.

The efforts of the students stormed the stage and the audience were mesmerised while Moses' birth, his youth and how God had a mighty purpose from his life - to liberate the Hebrew slaves, bring them out from the land of Egypt and lead them to the promised land, Canaan were depicted. The play was appreciated by one and all.

### SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA

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# NEWSMAKERS

## गौरव को मिला कांस्य पदक



बैडमिंटन खिलाड़ी गौरव पांडे

■ एस, ग्रेनो : ग्रेटर नोएडा स्थित शहीद विजय सिंह पथिक स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स में 21 से 26 जनवरी को हुई बैडमिंटन चैंपियनशिप में ग्रेटर नोएडा के गौरव पांडे ने अंडर-9 आयुवर्ग में कांस्य पदक अपने नाम किया। गौरव के कोच अमित चौहान ने बताया कि प्रतियोगिता में ग्रेटर नोएडा से 71 बालक-बालिकाओं ने हिस्सा लिया था। गौरव ग्रेटर नोएडा के समरविले पब्लिक स्कूल में पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं।

## pacenotes



## CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Somerville School, Greater Noida, organised an event titled Swachhta Pakhwada to bring changes in behaviour and attitude through innovative activities so that the ultimate goals of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan could be achieved and sustained. The students took part in an oath ceremony and pledged to keep their surroundings clean. Principal Dr Mary Thomas also spoke to the students about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. Various activities including rangoli making and painting competition, on cleanliness and hygiene practices were conducted for Classes 6 to 12, wherein the students realised the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. The campaign was a successful step in sensitising students to keep their environment clean.

## CLEANLINESS FORTNIGHT

Somerville School, Greater Noida, organised Cleanliness Fortnight to contribute to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Students took part in an oath ceremony and pledged to keep their surroundings clean. Principal Dr Mary Thomas also spoke to the students about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. Rangoli making and painting competition on cleanliness and hygiene were conducted for Classes 6 to 12. Students realised the importance of cleanliness.

## SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA

The Annual Inter-School Carnival of events-Expressions 2017 was celebrated and hosted by Somerville School, Greater Noida. Students from various schools of Noida, Greater Noida and Delhi participated in the three-day festival. The guests of honour at the inaugural ceremony were Thomas T Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/ Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission, D A Tressler, Chairperson and Director Somerville Schools and Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School Greater Noida. The oratory skills, debating prowess, singing, innovative ideas and other talents were manifested by the students. Students were awarded trophies and certificates by the school Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas. Ryan International School, Greater Noida lifted the runners-up Trophy. The Champions Trophy was held high by Somerville School, Noida who scored the maximum points through its participation in each event of the three-day festival.



# NEWSMAKERS

**फटाफट खबरें**  
**गॉल्फ टूर्नामेंट**  
**आज से**

एनबीटी न्यूज, नोएडा :  
एटर-37 स्थित नोएडा गॉल्फ  
र्स में आज से नेशनल अमच्योर  
फ टूर्नामेंट शुरू हो रहा है।  
1 दिवसीय इस प्रतियोगिता में  
1 भर से लगभग 100 खिलाड़ी  
सा लेंगे। गॉल्फ कोर्स में कोच  
श ने बताया कि इससे  
गावा यहां 16 फरवरी से जूनियर  
गैंग प्रोग्राम में 6 से 16 साल तक  
छात्रों के बीच मुकाबला कराया  
एगा। इसके लिए एनसीआर के  
से ज्यादा खिलाड़ी आवेदन  
चुके हैं।

**थ फेस्टिवल शुरू**  
वस, नोएडा : इंडियन रेड  
स सोसायटी का एमिटी  
वर्सिटी में तीन दिवसीय यूथ  
स्टेवल शुरू हो गया। कल तक  
ने वाले इस समारोह में करीब  
0 स्वयंसेवक शामिल हो रहे  
कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य युवाओं  
प्रोत्साहित करना है। इंडियन  
क्रास सोसायटी के संयुक्त  
धेव मनीष चौधरी ने कहा कि  
री संस्था युवाओं की ऊर्जा के  
थ कदमताल करना चाहती है  
के रेड क्रॉस के कार्यक्रमों में  
जीवंतता को देखा जा सके।

**फ मैराथन 18 को**  
एस, ग्रेनो : नॉलेज पार्क स्थित  
एदा यूनिवर्सिटी में 18 फरवरी  
होने वाली शारदा हाफ मैराथन  
तैयारियों में छात्र और स्टाफ  
गए हैं। यूनिवर्सिटी के डिप्टी  
स्टर अजित सिंह ने बताया  
हाफ मैराथन में एशिय मैराथन  
यन सुनीता गोदरा, विश्व

## फुटबॉल में उर्सलाइन और समरविले स्कूल बने विजेता

ग्रेनो के डेल्टा-3 में चल रहा था फादर रवि जॉय इंटर स्कूल टूर्नामेंट

■ एक संवाददाता, ग्रेटर नोएडा

ग्रेटर नोएडा के सेक्टर डेल्टा-3  
स्थित जीसस एंड मेरी कॉन्वेंट स्कूल  
में चल रहे फादर रवि जॉय इंटर स्कूल  
फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट में सोमवार को खेले  
गए अंडर-10 बालक वर्ग के फाइनल  
मैच में उर्सलाइन कॉन्वेंट स्कूल ने  
एस्टर पब्लिक स्कूल की टीम को  
शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए 3-0 से और  
अंडर-12 बालक वर्ग में समरविले  
स्कूल ने जीसस एंड मेरी कॉन्वेंट स्कूल  
को 1-0 से हराकर खिताब अपने नाम  
किया। दोनों विजेता और उपविजेता  
टीमों को सरदार मनजीत ने ट्रॉफी और  
मेडल देकर सम्मानित किया।

स्कूल के स्पोर्ट्स कोच हरदीप  
सिंह ने बताया कि फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट  
के अंडर-10 बालक वर्ग के फाइनल  
में पहले हाफ के अंतिम समय में  
उर्सलाइन कॉन्वेंट के खिलाड़ी प्रियंक  
ने 1 गोल कर एस्टर स्कूल की टीम  
पर दबाव बनाया। वहीं दूसरे हाफ की  
शुरुआत में उर्सलाइन के खिलाड़ी देव  
ने शानदार 2 गोल कर अपनी टीम  
को जीत दिलाई। अंडर-10 वर्ग में  
बेस्ट स्ट्राइकर देव, बेस्ट गोलकीपर  
राजवंशी, बेस्ट डिफेंडर इशांत बंसल  
और बेस्ट प्लेयर ऑफ द टूर्नामेंट का  
खिताब ग्लेन को मिला।

**अंडर-12**



जीसस एंड मेरी कॉन्वेंट स्कूल में हुए टूर्नामेंट में अंडर-10 की विजेता उर्सलाइन स्कूल की टीम

अंडर-10 के फाइनल में एस्टर  
पब्लिक स्कूल की टीम 3-0  
से और अंडर-12 में जीसस  
एंड मेरी कॉन्वेंट की टीम 1-0  
से हारी

समरविले स्कूल की टीम गोल ही नहीं  
कर पाई। दूसरे हाफ के अंतिम समय  
में समरविले स्कूल के खिलाड़ी ग्लेन  
ने 1 गोल कर अपनी टीम को जीत  
दिलाई। अंडर-12 में बेस्ट स्ट्राइकर  
सौरभ यादव, बेस्ट गोलकीपर प्रियांशु,  
बेस्ट डिफेंडर आदित्य और बेस्ट प्लेयर





**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

**Election Campaign:** Students of Class XII shared their ideas with their peer group and vouched for themselves as proper representatives of the school.

**27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

Earthquake Drill was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Dharmendra Kumar to make everyone aware about the need to be cautious during earthquakes. Students showed a lot of enthusiasm in learning about the drill.



*Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017**

Inter House Volleyball match was held for Classes VI-VIII. The winners are as follows:

#### RESULTS

##### INTER HOUSE VOLLEYBALL MATCH (GIRLS)

###### 1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION - WINNERS

###### SOLOMON HOUSE

Avni Chaudhary, VII C  
Rishita Awana, VI D  
Titiksha Yadav, VI D  
Tanasvi Attri, VI A  
Kanishka Negi, VIII A  
Renuka Bhati, VIII C  
Bodhika Anand, VIII C  
Shrishti Yadav, VIII B  
Komal, VI C  
Unnati Rawat, VII B  
Anjali Sharma, VIII D

###### 2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION - RUNNERS UP

###### MOSES HOUSE

Ginni Sharma, VIII A  
Sherin Gogia, VIII B  
Ananya Pundir, VI D  
Devangi Rawat, VIII B  
Mansi Sharma, VIII C  
Ashmi Verma, VI D  
Nania Singh, VII D  
Dipanshi Sharma, VI D  
Trisha V, VIII A  
Poorna Bindal, VI B  
Eesha Kaul, VIII D  
Vanshika Jain, VII D

##### INTER HOUSE VOLLEYBALL MATCH (BOYS)

###### 1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION - WINNERS

###### MOSES HOUSE

Anshul Kumar, VII D  
Aditya Kumar, VII C  
Deepanshu Bhati, VI D  
Ansh Chauhan, VIII D  
Om Srivastav, VI D  
Ayaan Verma, VI A

###### 2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION - RUNNERS UP

###### DAVID HOUSE

Himanshu Singh, VII C  
Rishabh P. Singh, VII C  
Tushar Singh Chauhan, VII B  
Yashvardhan Singh, VII B  
Shivam Guher, VII A  
Bhimansh Grover, VII A



Nishant Mavi, VIII C  
Atharv Singh, VII A

Vikram Singh, VIII B  
Tushar Gupta, VIII A  
Aditya Chauhan, VIII A  
Pratham Sharda, VIII A  
Ayush Roy, VIII C  
Shashank Chaudhary, VIII D

### 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Investiture Ceremony was conducted with a lot of splendour. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinned the responsibility of leading the school forward on the shoulders of the students.

### 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Inter House Spellathon was organized for the learners of Classes VI-VIII. Students took part in the contest wholeheartedly and gave an exemplary performance. The winners are as under:

#### RESULTS

##### INTER HOUSE SPELLATHON 2017-18 (VI - VIII)

POSITION	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANTS	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bheemansh Grover	VI B	David
	Annanya Chopra	VII D	
	Divyanshu Prateek	VIII A	
	Arsh Srivastava	VIII B	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geetansh	VI B	Moses
	Tejasvi Sood	VII A	
	Avni Chauhan	VIII C	
	Tvisha V	VIII B	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Samaira Srivastava	VI B	Solomon
	Rose Maria Varghese	VII	
	Shuva Chakraborty	VIII	
	Savani Agarwal	VIII	

**Spell Champ :** Divyanshu Pratik, VIII A

### 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Inter House Spellathon was held for Classes IX-XII. Students participated with great enthusiasm. The winners are as follows:

#### RESULTS

POSITION	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANTS	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shreya Ruth Nanda	IX D	Moses
	Archas Srivastava	X D	
	P. Paul Jonattan	XI C	
	Sagarika Chakraborty	XII C	



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aditya Joshi	IX D	David
	Harsh	XA	
	Rachi	XI B	
	Saptorishi Pahari	XII C	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harshit Srivastava	IX B	Daniel
	S. Varsha	XD	
	Mansi Mahatha	XI B	
	Soumya Ranjan Sahu	XII C	

**Spell Champ :** Saptorishi Pahari, XII C

**19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

A Career Counselling Workshop was organized by Career Launcher for the students of Class XII. The resource person, Mr Govind from I.I.T-Delhi guided the students about the careers that can be opted after Class XII. It was a learning experience for the students.

**JUNE**

*Integrity is the first step to true greatness.*

**21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017**

The school participated in Yoga Day held at Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA. It was an initiative towards building a healthy mind and a healthy body as the spirit, the body and the soul must be in cohesion.

**JULY**

*Every positive thought is a silent prayer which will change your life.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017**

The school reopens for Classes I-XII after the summer break.

**6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

A 'Tata Class Edge Workshop' was conducted to help the teachers overcome the hurdles they face while using Smart Classes. They were also informed about adding and using the technology from home.

**10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

'Environment Week' was celebrated in the school campus to instill a better sense of responsibility towards the environment and our surroundings. The students from Class VI onwards were inducted as 'Terra Friends'.



**11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

An Inter-House Hindi Debate Competition was organized for the students of Senior School. The students participated with enthusiasm and the winners are as follows:

**RESULTS**
**INTER HOUSE HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION**

POSITION	TEAM	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANTS	CLASS	HOUSE	
1 <sup>st</sup>	D	Tejaswita Sharma	IX D	David	For the motion
		Riya Sinha	X B		Against the motion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B	Piyush Pandey	X B	Moses	For the Motion
		Priyanshu Senger	IX A		Against the Motion
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C	Akanksha Thakur	XI A	Daniel	For the Motion
		Laxmi Verma	IX C		Against the Motion

**BEST SPEAKERS**

For The Motion : Akanksha Thakur, XI A, Daniel House

Against The Motion : Riya Sinha, X B, David House

**12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

An Inter-House Poster Making Competition was held for the students. It was creativity at its best. A lot of talented students took part in the competition.

**13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

'Arbour Day Celebration' was initiated to create an awareness towards a clean and healthy environment. Trees/saplings were planted all around the campus. An Inter-House painting Competition was also organized on the occasion. The results are as follows:

**RESULTS**
**INTER-HOUSE PAINTING COMPETITION**

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vidushi Singh	VI D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anjoorie Sinha	VI A	Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Titiksha Yadav	VI D	Solomon
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nandini Singh	VII D	David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Garvita Malik	VII C	Moses
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Geetika	VII B	Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Prithvi Singh Jana	VIII C	Solomon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palak Maheshwari	VIII B	Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deepti Tripathi	VIII D	Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bhavika Chaudhary	IX B	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riyanshi Singh	IX B	Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prerna Poddar	IX B	Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yaman Saini	X D	Daniel



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ananya Singh	XA	Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ramya Rana	XD	Solomon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chhavi Srivastav	XB	Moses
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shashwat Datta	XIC	Moses
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Muskan Gupta	XIC	David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Akanksha Gupta	XIB	Solomon

### 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Poster Making Competition for Classes VI-XII was conducted on 'Rain Harvesting'. The need of the hour is to conserve water and use it judiciously.

### 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017

Students of Class XI presented a Power Point module on the importance of rain water harvesting and conservation of this natural resource 'Save Water Save Life'.

### 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

The renovated area of the school reception was inaugurated by Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Secretary, Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India. All esteemed members of the Management and Principals of the sister schools graced the event with their kind presence. We thank the Lord for His mercies and hope for more such achievements.

### 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Felicitation Ceremony for the toppers of Class X and XII was held in the inner quadrangle. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas felicitated the students with certificates and trophies. Parents and teachers exchanged their experiences over high tea.

# AUGUST

*Be strong when you are weak, Brave when you are scared and Humble when you are victorious.*

### 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

A special assembly was held during the Patriotic Week. Students of the Senior School staged 'Nukkad Natak'-a Hindi Street Play to emphasize the importance of educating a girl child. The social issue of women empowerment was highlighted in the special presentation.

### 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Special Independence Day Celebrations were held at the school. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas hoisted the tricolor which reigned supreme throughout the day. The students of Classes XI-XII spoke on the importance of freedom struggle and how we need to respect it and strive to uphold the same. Honourable Principal addressed the august gathering and prayed for the country's growth and prosperity.



**25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

The Senior School (IX - XI) staged its Annual Day 'The Prince of Egypt' at the Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA. The play told the story of Moses and contained detailed historical importance, songs, advice of Moses and Rameses and Miriam through Egypt, the Promised Land.

**30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

As part of the C.B.S.E. Expression Series, a pledge was taken by the students to uphold the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters who laid down their lives to help us attain freedom. A painting competition was also organized on this occasion.

**SEPTEMBER**

*Character is a diamond that scratches every other stone.*

**1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017**

A special assembly was conducted on the occasion of Eid-ul-Zuha to spread the feeling of brotherhood and unity. Students also pledged to keep their school and its surroundings and their neighbourhood clean as "Cleanliness is next to Godliness".

**4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

An Inter House Rangoli Making Competition was organised for Senior School students on the theme of 'Swachh Bharat' as a part of C.B.S.E. Expression Series. Students made beautiful rangolis with dry colours depicting the theme and conveyed the message significantly.

**RESULTS - RANGOLI MAKING COMPETITION**

**TOPIC : SWACHH BHARAT**

POSITION	TEAM	NAME OF THE STUDENTS	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	A	Disha Singh Bhavika Choudhary	XI D IX B	Daniel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	B	Muskan Gupta Sara Abbas	XI C XI C	David
3 <sup>rd</sup>	D	Shreya Singhal Kiranpreet Kaur	XD XD	Solomon
4 <sup>th</sup>	C	Anjali Yadav Chhavi Srivastav	XB XB	Moses

**5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

A special assembly was conducted to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Students of class 12<sup>th</sup> presented a special programme dedicated to their teachers. An Inter House Painting Competition was also organised for classes 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> on this occasion. The following students were adjudged the winners:



## RESULTS

## INTER SECTION PAINTING COMPETITION (VI - X) 2017-18

POSITION	NAME OF THE PARTICIPANTS	CLASS/SEC
1 <sup>st</sup>	Disha Tripathi	VI D
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vidushi Singh	VI D
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kashvi Gupta	VI D
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aayushi Nagar	VII A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nandni Singh	VII D
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shreya Singh	VII A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aayushi Sharma	VIII A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manuj Tyagi	VIII C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Priyanshi Bhati	VIII A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bhavika Chaudhary	IX B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sweta Dubey	IX B
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lavanya Gupta	IX A
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yaman Saini	X D
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiranpreet Kaur	X D
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mayank Rawat	X A

**7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

NTPC Quiz, Round-1 was conducted in the classes.

**12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

NTPC quiz, Round-2 was conducted for classes IV to IX. A Painting Competition was also held in the school.

**13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

'Green Olympiad' was held in the school. Around 120 students of our school participated in it.

**14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

NTPC Quiz for classes IX to XI was conducted in the school.

**16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

Members of CBSE Inspection Team visited our school. The officials inspected the school to have an insight into academic and administrative side of the institution.

**17<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

A workshop on 'Child Safety' was organised at Gautam Budh University by the District Magistrate, Gautam Budh Nagar. CBSE officials also visited the school. Various schools participated in the workshop. Child safety was viewed as a major concern by all.



**19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

A training programme for class IV employees was conducted to ensure hands on training on 'Fire Prevention'. The resource person highlighted the need to teach everyone about fire prevention in schools as well as at home.

**20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

Teachers' outing to the Venice Mall was an enthralling experience. Everyone watched a movie and it was followed by a sumptuous lunch.

**27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

A special assembly to celebrate Dussehra was conducted on this day. Students learnt about the significance of being good souls and comprehended the concept of triumph of good over evil.

**28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017****Gandhi Jayanti**

Special Assembly was held to celebrate birthday of Gandhiji, 'The Father of our Nation'. Students from senior classes presented a special programme on this occasion highlighting the life of Mahatma Gandhi. His ideas were also discussed and the students took a pledge to follow his principles in life.

# OCTOBER

*An attitude of positive expectation is the mark of the superior personality.*

**4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

An Inter-house English Debate was conducted in the A.V. Room for the students of classes IX-XII. Students spoke on 'The regulation of laws and their enforcement in the country'. The view points were presented well. Saumya Sahu was adjudged the best speaker.

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

ITS Quiz Whiz was conducted in the respective classes. Students were given participation certificates.

**11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

A Workshop for class X was conducted in the A.V. Room by Aakash institute. The resource person stressed on the need for preparation of conceptuels and intensive study of Science so as to crack PMT and Engineering Entrance Examinations.



# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



Welcome address by  
Headmistress Mrs. Shefali Egbert



Charlie and the Candy Man



Dance - Candy Man ( Class VD)



The Bucket family



Dance - Almost Nearly Perfect ( Class-IVA)



Wonka's golden ticket



Happy moment on finding the golden ticket



Dance - 'Don't cha pinch me Charlie' ( class IV C)

## Annual Function: Junior School



# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



The Bucket family's preparation



The lucky winners



Dance - Willy Wonka (Class V B)



Chocolate Room- chocolaty conversation



Dance - Augustus Gloop (Class- IV D) (2)



The Inventing Room



Wonka showing off gobstoppers



Dance- Violet Beauregarde (Class-VA)

## Annual Function: Junior School



# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



Willy Wonka taking the winners to the fizzy lifting room



The Nut Cracker Room



Arrogant Veruca



Dance-Veruca Salt (Class-IVB)



A little me (class-VD)



Dance - Vidiots (Class- VC)



Dance by Class VC - Vidiots



Up, up and away they go in the wonkavator

## Annual Function: Junior School



# CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



Western Music Choir



Vote of thanks by the Principal Dr. Mary Thomas



The Grand Finale

## Annual Function: Junior School



## WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS BY PRIMARY PLUS



Welcoming Wg. Cdr. S.K.Sharma



Time is precious



Activity Time



Staff in action with Wg. Cdr. S.K.Sharma

### *Workshop on Team Building*



Welcoming Ms. Neetu Bedi  
(Director, Primary Plus)



Holding Hands to form a Team



Attentive Teachers - engrossed in learning



Resource person Ms. Deepti Sharma



# Workshop on Class Room Management



Mrs. Kumud Joshi welcoming the resource person



Queries being answered



Ice Breaking Session



An Interactive Session



Workshop by Mr Dharmendra Kumar on  
CBSE Spot Evaluation



Workshop by Mr Piyush - Tata Class Edge



# Workshop For Teachers on “Basic Etiquettes” by Principal Dr. Mary Thomas



Communication is the key to harmony and resolution of all obstacles in the road to learning. A workshop on Basic Etiquettes was conducted in Somerville School Greater NOIDA on the 14th of November, 2017 by Dr Mary Thomas, Principal, Somerville School Greater NOIDA. An enlightening interactive session highlighted the importance of basic etiquettes to be followed in everyday conduct., It was reiterated that although everyone is instilled with good manners, the one good manner which ranks the highest is the 'Manner of Speech'. Words can make or mar a person. The way in which one communicates builds relationships and the environment. So, one must speak wisely, choosing words appropriately to suit the audience. One needs to be courteous and polite in whatever one may need to convey. The workshop ended with the note that- LITTLE ACTS OF THOUGHTFULNESS APPLIED IN YOUR SPEECH CAN HELP YOU CONQUER THE WORLD AND MAKE OTHERS LOVE YOU IN RETURN.



## **WORKSHOP ON STUDENT SECURITY AWARENESS**



A workshop was conducted on Student Security Awareness by the DM Greater NOIDA on 17th September 2017. All teachers, administrators and support staff from all CBSE and ICSE schools of Delhi-NCR attended the same. Many cases were discussed such as the Ryan School incident and many more. Mr Himesh Tiwari emphasised on the need for good character and morals in life. He emphasized on the need to observe safety rules in every school. One needs a stress free environment in order to follow the ideals of peace and security. Mr Mishra spoke about driver's safety measures that they need to keep in mind, the need to follow traffic rules and much more. Lack of understanding of laws and rights may lead to various emotional disorders in students. He identified the problem and urged everyone to work towards a solution. POCSO ACT was discussed too. Counsellors too need to play a vital role in the same. RFID SYSTEM OF IDENTITY CARDS was also a part of the workshop. Important phone numbers of various agencies were also shared with the gathering. In a nutshell, it was a learning experience for all, a truly rewarding one.

### **Felicitation on Women's Day**



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, Mrs. Manila Verma, PGT Political Science and Mrs. Lubna Ahmed TGT Mathematics were felicitated on the occasion of international Women's Day by United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



**12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

NUKKAD NATAK was staged by the senior students to sensitize the citizens to celebrate a 'Green Diwali'. Speaking on the occasion Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas encouraged the students to observe an eco friendly and safe Diwali and illuminate the lives of others and spread happiness around.

Anglo Eastern Ship Management Ltd. Conducted a workshop in the A. V. room and guided the students about choosing Shipping Industry as a field of career.

**17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Inter house 'Terra Cotta Decoration Competition' was held for Classes VII-XI. Students decorated earthen pots in order to express a manifestation of their imagination.

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

A special programme was conducted on Diwali spreading the message, 'Say no to Crackers'.

**24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

A Career Counselling Workshop was conducted by The Times group Bennett University for the students of Class XII. It was a learning experience for all.

**25<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Painting Competition was held as a part of CBSE Expression series. The creative instinct of the students was enhanced.

**26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Slogan writing competition was held in the campus. Students participated with a lot of enthusiasm.

**27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Students of our school visited the Kiran Nadar Art Museum to explore the field of art. They also watched a movie 'I Am Kalam' and saw some artefacts. It was a learning experience for everyone.

**31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017**

'Vigilance Week' was organised in the campus. It highlighted the need to be vigilant and create awareness among the citizens of India. We should fulfil our responsibility as responsible citizens.

# NOVEMBER

*The possibilities are unlimited as long as you are true to your life's purpose.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017**

The students of classes VI-VIII staged 'The Sound of Music' at Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA. The students enthralled the audience with the puppet dance which was a sight to watch.



**6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

A Workshop was conducted on 'Group Discussion' in association with Manav Rachna University.

**7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

The Annual Inter School festival of competitions 'Expressions' was held at the school. Students from various schools of NOIDA and Greater NOIDA participated in various competitions held during the three day festival.

**10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

A Career Counselling Session was conducted by Mr. Rajeev Gupta from Rachna Sagar who spoke to the audience on the importance of comprehensive preparation to fare well in their career field.

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Children's Day Celebration**

The teachers bestowed their love and affection for the students by presenting a special programme. This special day was celebrated as Chacha Nehru's Birthday, the first Prime Minister of India and Maulana Azad, the first Education Minister of India.

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

A Workshop was conducted by Dr. Mary Thomas, on 'Basic Etiquettes' at workplace. Ma'am highlighted the need for healthy and polite communication with colleagues.

**DECEMBER**

*Successful people never worry about what others are doing.*

**1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017**

Inter House Basketball tournament was held for the students of Classes VII-XI. The results are as follows:

**RESULTS**

**INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (GIRLS)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION - WINNERS**

**SOLOMON HOUSE**

Ritisha David, VII C  
Aayushi Nagar, VII A  
Bodhika Anand, VIII C  
Bhoomi Chauhan, VIII D  
Sneha, VIII A  
Kanishka Negi, VIII A  
Vrinda Goel, X D  
Kiran Preet Kaur, X D

**2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION - RUNNERS UP**

**DANIEL HOUSE**

Shambhavi Shahi, VI A  
K. Lavanya, VII A  
Reyanshi Garg, VII B  
Diksha Singh, VII A  
Aarohi Gupta, VII B  
Kanishka Thakur, VII B  
Chitra Choudhary, VII C  
Pranjal Sharma, VII D



Deepanshi Garg, X D  
Walusha Lovenia Rodriguez, X A  
Mansi Mahatha, XI B  
Avni Chaudhary, VII C

Riya Choudhary, VIII C  
Shruti, IX B  
Manreet Kaur, X D  
Sneha Sanwal, IX B

### RESULTS

#### INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (BOYS)

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION - WINNERS

##### DANIEL HOUSE

Karanveer Singh, IX A  
Harshit Rana, IX A  
Arindham Chaudhary, IX C  
Jeremy Thomas, XI D  
Anurag Bhati, IX A  
Adars Chandra, IX D  
Dhruv Goyal, VIII D  
Shiven Upadhyay, VIII D  
Hardik Gupta, IX B  
Ayushmaan Dhanai, VII C  
Sameer Khan, VII D  
Aditya Malik, VII D

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION - RUNNERS UP

##### MOSES HOUSE

Anshul Kumar, VI D  
Lakshya Mishra, VII A  
Riyan Garg, VI A  
Ashmit Srivastava, VI C  
Rohit Kumar, X A  
Puneet Kasana, X B  
Rohit Nagar, VIII C  
Deepak Nagar, XI D  
Tejasvardhan, IX C  
Atharv Singh, VII A  
Raghav Bhati, VII A  
Priyanshu Sengar, IX A

#### 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

'Computer Olympiad' was held in the school. Students who had qualified in the first round appeared for the second round.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

'English Olympiad' for classes VI-XII was held. Four students viz. **Tanush Virmani, Navya Goel, Archas Srivastava and Saksham Sinha** got selected for the second round and were awarded gold and silver medals.

Students of the school visited the Faridabad school. It was an initiative taken to spread the concept of share and care and celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Compassion and the spirit of giving to the underprivileged taught them a lesson to emerge as good human beings.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

A Workshop was conducted on 'Children's Safety'. The Resource Person, Anurag Gupta spoke on the safety against cyber crime and the need to keep our children safe. It was an eye opener for one and all.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

14<sup>th</sup> W.C. Somerville Football tournament was held among 14 schools of NCR, NOIDA and Greater NOIDA. The final match was played between Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA and Somerville School, Greater NOIDA. Somerville School Greater NOIDA lifted the Winning Trophy.



**15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

A Talent Hunt Olympiad was held. Students from classes 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> participated in the event with great enthusiasm.

**19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

Fantasia 2017 was organized with great pomp and show in the Primary Wing. The children presented a spectacular programme. The parents also graced the occasion.

**20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

Inter-House Carol Singing Competition was held in the school. Students of four houses sang beautiful compositions to usher in Christmas season. The result of the competition is as follows:

**INDIAN GROUP**
**1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION**
**DAVID HOUSE**

Nipun Topno, XI C  
Ayushi Mohanty, VI C  
Himanshu Manna, XI D  
Aman Yadav, XI C  
Jiniya Goyal, IX D  
Vytik Vinod, XI D  
Riddhima Singh, VI A  
Dipkala Rai, VIII C  
Aleena Rajeev, VII A  
Anushka Agarwal, VII B  
Vyom Bali Mathur, VII B  
Amie Mishra, VII D  
Aayesha, VII D  
Deepender Tanwar, VIII A  
Anusha Pandey, VIII D  
Harshit, VII D  
Pavitra Dwivedi, VIII A  
Divyanshu Prateek, VIII A  
Rudra Zadoo, VIII D  
Soojal Sharma, VIII A  
Arpit Raj, VIII D

**2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION**
**MOSES HOUSE**

Vaidik, IX A  
Shlok Rastogi, IX A  
Shalom Chugh, IX C  
Akshansh, VIII D  
Atharva Singh, VII A  
Yashavi, VI B  
Daksh, IX A  
Darsh, IX B  
Harsh Pandey, VI A  
Ayush, VIII D  
Simarpreet Kaur, IX A  
Drishti Khatri, IX C  
Vanisha, VII D  
P. Paul Jonathan, XI C  
Bhumika Choudhary, VII A  
Tejasvi Sood, VII A  
Roshni N Sahay, VII D  
Sahil, VII A  
Jayati Shubangee, VII A  
Sagar Mittal, XI B  
Lakshya, VII A

**3<sup>RD</sup> POSITION**
**SOLOMON HOUSE**

Avishi Dutta, VI B  
Pavani Mishra, VI B  
Kriti Chauhan, VI B  
Lakshay Rajput, VI B  
Abhiroop Singh, VI C  
Daksh Bhati, VI D  
Unnati Rawat, VII B  
Ishita Bhatnagar, VII B  
Vansh Singh, VII C  
Komal Yadav, VIII D  
Sanjana, VIII D  
Mayank Kumar, VII D  
Ananya Mishra, VIII B  
Rishita Singh, VIII C  
Sneha, VIII A  
Kanishka Negi, VIII A  
Manasvi Garg, XI D  
Srishti Roy, IX B  
Varnika Bali Mathur, IX D

**WESTERN GROUP**
**1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION**
**MOSES HOUSE**

Esha Kaul, VIII D  
Shlok Rastogi, IX A  
Dev Bhardwaj, VIII A

**2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION**
**DANIEL HOUSE**

Namami Pandey, VII A  
Diksha Singh, VII A  
Tanya Tanwar, VII A

**3<sup>RD</sup> POSITION**
**SOLOMON HOUSE**

Vidit Chauhan, XI D  
Mansi Mahatha, XI B  
Hrisha Sharma, IX C



Akshansh, VIII D  
 Atharva, VII A  
 Geetansh Singh, VI B  
 Sherin Gogia, VIII B  
 Rishith, VI D  
 Daniel Awana, VIII D  
 Shreya Ruth Nanda, IX D  
 Arohi, VIII A  
 Ananya, VI D  
 Vidushi Mahatha, XI C  
 P. Paul Jonathan, XI C  
 Trisha V, VIII A  
 Tejasvi Sood, VII A  
 Himanshi, VI B  
 Sahil, VII A  
 Gargi, VI C  
 Sagar Mittal, XI B  
 Lakshya, VII A

Rukmani Sharma, VIII D  
 Navya Goel, VIII C  
 Yashika Singh, VII D  
 Harshita, VII D  
 Anahita Sahu, VI B  
 Adithya Ajith, VII D  
 Austin John, VIII C  
 Navrajit Kulshrestha, IX C  
 Rakesh Sharma, IX D  
 Prachet Sahoo, IX D  
 Karan Veer Singh, IX A  
 Vachan Shetty, IX B  
 Vinayak Pathak, IX B  
 Nilay Kumar Sharma, VI A  
 Vinayak Sharma, VIII D

Sourish Yadav, IX A  
 Dristi Jain, VI A  
 Krishank Ghosh, VI D  
 Yashvardhan Pannu, VI A  
 Vansh Singh, VII C  
 Rose Maria Varghese, VII C  
 Avni Chaudhary, VII C  
 Samaira Srivastava, VI C  
 Snayga C.R, XI B  
 Ananya Mishra, VIII B  
 Varnika Bali Mathur, IX D  
 Kashvi Gupta, VI D  
 Lavanya Srivastava, VIII C  
 Komal Yadav, VIII D  
 Sanjana, VIII D

### 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

All the teachers had a hearty time at the Christmas lunch. It was an event to behold. The teachers enjoyed a round of Tambola and various games gave them an opportunity to spend a candid time with everyone.

The school closed for the Winter Break.



*Your attitude determines your direction.*

### 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

The School reopened for teachers after Winter Break.

### 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Pre-board Exams started for class X and XII students.

### 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

The school reopened for classes I-VIII students after winter break.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018

National Voters' Day was celebrated in the campus. It was an event to highlight the concept of exercising the 'Right to vote'.



**25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

'Maths Olympiad' was conducted in the school. Students were selected for the second round. An Inter-house Instrumental Music Competition was organized for the students of Classes VI-XII in Solo and Group categories respectively. The performance of the students was commendable and received an applause from one and all. The winners are as follows:

**RESULTS**
**SOLO**

POSITION	NAME OF STUDENTS	CLASS	HOUSE
1 <sup>st</sup>	Divyansh Ranjan	VII C	Moses House
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manuj Tyagi	VIII C	Daniel
	Lakshya Raj	VI C	Solomon House
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Akshansh Sharma	VI D	David House

**GROUP**
**1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION**
**SOLOMON HOUSE**

Sakshi Pandey, VI D  
Lakshya Raj, VI C  
Abhijeet Singh Sahdev, VII D  
Rose Maria Varghese, VII C  
Avni Choudhary, VII C  
Divyansh Khare, VII D  
Apekshita Aggarwal, IX A  
Sourish Yadav, IX A  
Varnika Bali Mathur, IX D  
Manasvi Garg, XI D

**2<sup>ND</sup> POSITION**
**MOSES HOUSE**

Keshav Bansal, VI A  
Shlok Rastogi, IX A  
Darsh Kumar, IX B  
Nishant Sharma, XI D  
Rohan Sharma, VII A  
Divyansh Ranjan, VII C  
Navya Saini, VII C  
Urvashi, VII B  
Tejasvi Sood, VII A  
Roshni Nandan Sahay, VII D

**3<sup>RD</sup> POSITION**
**DAVID HOUSE**

Jiniya Goyal, IX D  
Vyom Bali Mathur, VII B  
Amie Mishra, VII D  
Megha Sharma, VII D  
Deepak, VI A  
Pradeep Yadav, VI A  
Harsh Mehra Rohatgi, VII D  
Sachin Lakhera, XI D  
Akshansh Sharma, VI D  
Avaljot Singh Arora, VI A

**26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

'Republic Day Celebrations' were held in the campus. A special assembly was organized on the occasion. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas unfurled the National Flag and exhorted the students to be the true citizens of the country and work hard to be the torch bearers of change. The students of Senior School expressed their views on patriotism. The school choir left everyone mesmerized with their beautiful patriotic songs.

**31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018**

The Benediction Ceremony for the outgoing batch of Class XII was held. A solemn ceremony was organized to bless our dear students. The students exchanged the 'diyas' of illumination and spread the light of knowledge. Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal blessed the students to excel in all their endeavours and become responsible citizens of the country.



# FEBRUARY

*Awareness is not just noticing what is going on around you, but what is going on within you as well.*

**10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

A cultural extravaganza was organized in Somerville School, NOIDA to welcome the delegation from Lott Carey Baptist Mission, U.S.A. Our school's performance 'Colours of India' won everyone's heart and received accolades from the esteemed guests.

**16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

## PARIKSHA PAR CHARCHA

With exams round the corner, Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the students of the country on how to cope up with examination stress in Talkatora Stadium situated in New Delhi. The session came days after the HRD Ministry released the book 'Exam Warriors' authored by the P.M. The school made provisions to be a part of this informative session through WEBCAST. Students learnt the importance of self confidence and hard work and also to pursue knowledge over marks.

**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018**

Annual examination commenced for Classes VI-IX and XI.

# MARCH

*The fear of Lord is the beginning of Wisdom*

The C.B.S.E exams commenced and our school was the exam centre for AISSCE as well as AISSE EXAMINATION



## Junior Creative Writing

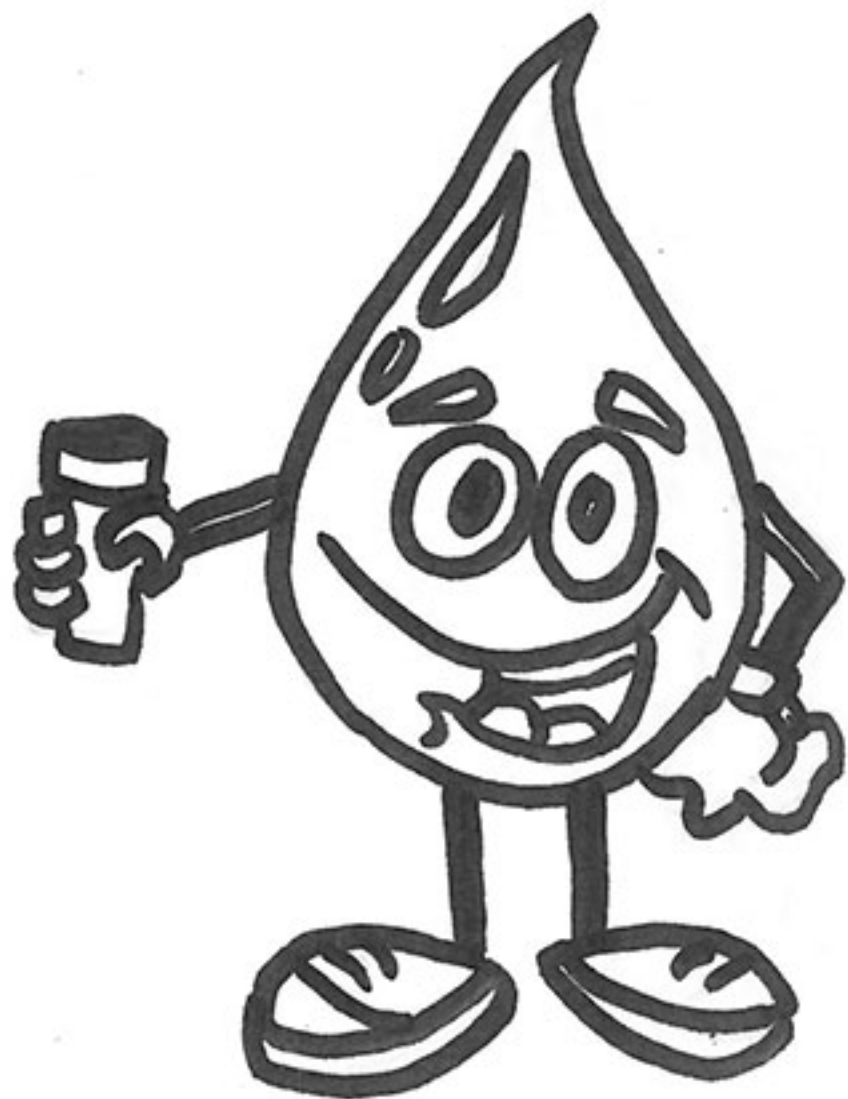
### Horror

My name is Swerna and my best friends are Ishita and Kushagra. One day my friends and I went to a park that was haunted. It was a very exciting moment. We went inside and started walking. We heard a 'hissing' sound. We were very scared. Suddenly the sound came closer. Just then someone touched my shoulder. I shouted in fear! The person had no eyes and walked on four legs. Trembling with fear, I fell on Kushagra and he fell on Ishita. We were very scared! Then we stood up and walked ahead into an old palace. When we entered, we saw many vampires flying and the soldiers charging towards us. We could stand it no longer. We ran out of the park. The Manager of the park gave us a silver medal. We were very surprised to know that it was a prank. The Manager told us that nobody could reach the horror palace and that we were the first ones to reach till there. The experience was really scary but memorable at the same time.



---Swerna Kaleshwar, IV D

### Magic Drops



The Earth is a unique planet because it is the only planet that can support life due to the presence of the magic drops of a magic liquid called, 'WATER'. Water is the most precious gift of nature of Earth. Every living organism needs water to live. Water is needed for domestic purposes, in industrial units, in the agricultural sector etc. The presence of water bodies facilitates the cooling of the surroundings. The human body is 75% water. Water regulates the activities of tissues, lymph, blood and glandular secretions. But with the technological advancement, this precious resource has been exploited to the extent of causing its scarcity leading to droughts and death of various life forms. The magic drops of water are capable of reviving all forms of life. Hence conservation of this liquid is the need of the hour. So let's all join hands to save water. "SAVE WATER, SAFE LIFE".

---Malishka Singh, IV C



# The Prince of Egypt



Mrs D. A Tressler, Chairperson and Director  
Somerville Schools, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India



Our Hindi Narrators,  
Aditya Saraswat and Muskan Gupta



Dance - Deliver Us, Class XI



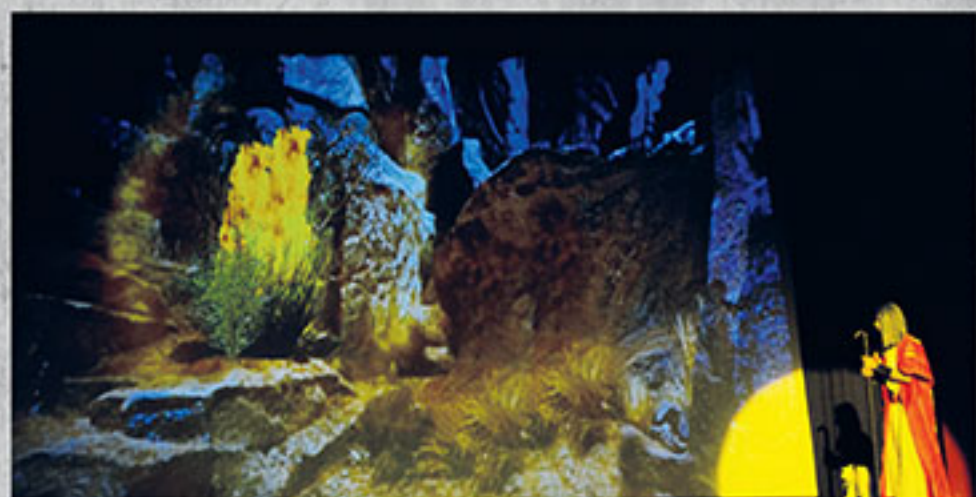
Angel of the Lord appears to Moses in a flame of  
fire amidst a bush



Baby Moses secretly laid in river Nile by his  
Hebrew mother



'Through Heavens Eyes'



God commands Moses at the Burning Bush to  
bring the children of Israel out of Egypt



God gave Moses the Ten Commandments

## Annual Function: Senior School



# The Prince of Egypt



God's people are free



God helps Moses to change his staff into a serpent



Hebrew slaves pray for deliverance



Hebrews begin to leave, led by Moses



Midian girl Tzipphorah presented as an exotic apparition



Pharaoh sends for Moses to end the torment but goes back on his word



Moses challenged in the courts



Pharaoh's daughter draws the baby out of river Nile and gives him the name, Moses

## Annual Function: Senior School



# The Prince of Egypt



Pharaoh mourns the death of his son



Seeking Faith and Speaking Words - There Can Be Miracles



The crossing of the Red Sea



The dust of the land smitten and changed into lice



The Lord begins to act against Pharaoh's hardened heart



The rebel in Moses begins to break through as he is moved by the suffering of his people



The Pharaoh reminds Rameses of ancient traditions



The Royal Sorcerers also turned the rod into a serpent

## Annual Function: Senior School



# The Prince of Egypt



The Grand Finale



Vice Principal, Ms. Monisha Roy Claudius delivers the vote of thanks

## Annual Function: Senior School





Aman Mishra  
Head Boy

## A HEAD BOY'S JOURNEY

No matter how convincing I might have come across in the interview, but in reality, I don't think anyone can really be ready for a responsibility like this. And to top it all, though I try to think of myself as an optimistic person, there was no way I could have believed that I'll earn the batch over such meritorious and deserving candidates.

But somehow, my teachers and students believed in me. They chose me to lead the Council and represent the students. That is why, more than the post, the path which led to it ignited my zeal and fueled my commitment throughout the year.

As said by eminent John C. Maxwell in his book 'The 5 levels of leadership', "Leadership is a verb, not a noun". This past year has made me understand its true depth. Leadership is an essential element behind the success of any entity, may it be the corporate world or just a small coterie. Charlie Kim, the CEO and founder of the tech-based startup

'Next Jump', implemented a policy of lifetime employment. Once you get a job at 'Next jump', you cannot get fired for performance issues. Though one might fail to draw an analogy of this statement with a school council per se, but it tells us a lot about an ideal leadership. Charlie Kim insists on perceiving the team as a family so as to build trust and an oratory environment. I've come to realize that it is the environment that helps everyone avail their inherent capacities to do remarkable things. The obstacles we face are a constant and will never go away. The only variable that we have in our hands is the safe sphere inside our team made up of faith and reliance. I may not know if I was successful in being a good leader, but I surely have realized the importance of being one. This is merely the beginning of my journey. Everything that I've learnt here, without a shadow of doubt, will help me through my upcoming life. It will provide me with a head start and help me tackle my way through many difficult challenges. And that is exactly why I am thankful to my teachers and the students who considered me and gave me this opportunity.

My experience as the head of the school changed my perspective in so many ways, taught me unique and unexplored aspects of life that there is no doubt in saying 'a more mature and pragmatic Aman Mishra' came out of the other end.



## THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING A HEAD GIRL

I still remember taking part in the election campaign was like a shot in the dark for me as I had never been a part of the student council prior to this, I had no experience of taking such a big responsibility. And so when Principal ma'am announced my name on the speaker for the post of the 'Head Girl', it felt like a sudden thunderclap, I just couldn't believe it. I still don't know how it happened. But I'm glad it happened. After I became the head girl numerous challenges came, and the most difficult was my aversion to public speaking. I have never been confident about my oratory skills but being the head girl there were numerous occasions where I had been given the chance to speak on stage. Oftentimes I used fumble while speaking, become nervous on stage. But my mistakes were my sole reason for going back on stage, to perform better next time and overcome my stage fright. Though I cannot affirm that I have overcome it fully, but have come far from where I started. This has taught me that life is not about 'not' falling down, but about getting up each time we fall.

Another struggle which was constant in my journey was understanding people's needs and finding ways to fulfill their needs and doing so by remaining humble yet showing my leadership skills. At the outset I struggled because this was all so new to me. There was a constant fear of being judged for my work and not being able to strike the right balance between rigidity and flexibility. But I got a hang of it slowly and steadily. I learned that it was never about me being in the spotlight but was about empowering the students to take the onus. The post of head girl has taught me that titles are not enough to validate you as a leader. One should solely have the heart to serve in order to be the trailblazer for many.



Raj Lakshmi  
Head Girl

It my privilege and honor to be the head girl for the session 2017-18. My heartfelt gratitude to Principal ma'am, Vice Principal ma'am and my teachers for mentoring and guiding me. I have been fortunate enough to work with an extremely hard working team of council members who have the passion for working for the students and the school. And most importantly I must thank the students of our school who were kind enough to always support me my decisions. I also would like to mention my friends who have been my inspiration and constant source of motivation, without them my journey could not be complete. Last but not the least, it was my mother who from the very beginning had undying belief that I had what it takes to be a leader, even when I doubted myself. The contribution of these people has been enormous in my journey and I am extremely overwhelmed by their support.

In the end my message for all the students is that you must learn to push yourself a little extra because no one is going to do it for you. They will be there to guide and support you but you must learn to take that extra step in life if you wish to stand out in the crowd. My best wishes to all of you for your future ahead.



# BENEDICTION FOR CLASS XII STUDENTS



Illuminating the Lamp of Light



Class Teachers of Class XII



Principal Dr. Mary Thomas addressing the Students



Enlightenment a Continuous Process



Head Girl Receiving her Bundle of Memories



Head Boy Aman Mishra



All lights shall stay together



On a solemn note



# BENEDICTION FOR CLASS XII STUDENTS



Exuding a sense of belongingness



Head boy Aman Mishra on a thankful note



Head Girl Rajlakshmi - words from the heart



An aerial view



This little light of mine



Time for fellowship



With their mentors



# Someruille School

## GREATER NOIDA

### CLASS-XII A 2017-2018



1st Row From Top - Aman Garg, Shashwat Sharma, Saksham, Vaibhav Tyagi, Kanishka Sharma, Kapil Bhati, Sandeep, Manglam Kumar, Pratish Kumar.

2nd Row - Meghna Singh, Pramanshi Singh, Mallika Bandyopadhyay, Shruti Tripathi, Ayushi Bansal, Raj Lakshmi, Atoshi Bhattacharya, Manisha Nautiyal,

Shaleen Joshy, Ruby Lovina Ekka, Vaishali Singh.

Sitting-Mr.Tapas Kumar Jana, Mrs. Rimmi Soin, Mrs. Mamta Mehrotra, Mr. Dharmendra Kumar ( Class Teacher ), Mrs.Monisha Roy Claudius ( Vice Principal ),

Dr. Mary Thomas ( Principal ), Mrs. Shefali Egbert ( Head Mistress ), Mrs. Seema Taneja, Mrs. Deepika Nanda, Dr. Priti Bhowmik, Mrs. Manila Verna.



# Somerville School

## GREATER NOIDA

### CLASS-XII B 2017-2018



1st Row From Top - Sarvottam, Rohan Jain, Naman Garg, Anikate Verma, Abhay Lohani, Muhammad Hamza, Ujjwal Singh, Pranjal Choudhary, Sachin, Anirudh Pandey, Nishit Singh, Meghansh Pankaj Teotia.

2nd Row - Abdallah Ansari, Ayoosh Pandey, Navrachit Kulshrestha, Ashish Raj, Abhinav Saha, Shivansh Kundaliya, Roshan Kumar Jha, Sushank Pathak, Adanya Mishra, Santanu Saha, Tushar Gautam, Kunchanapalli Manohar, Aman Gaur.

3rd Row - Mr. Abhishek Mani, Sirhan Maheshwari, Pratishtha Yadav, Supreet Kaur, Shiwani Rawat, Aayushi Gaur, Garima Chaudhary, Naimisha Srivastava, Apurva Mishra, Maansi Jha, Manasvi Verma, Prachi Roshan, Anjali Poddar, Mrs Rimmi Soin, Mr Tapas Kumar Jana.

Sitting - Mrs. Priti Bhowmik, Mrs. Namrata Chanana, Mr. Dharambir Singh, Mrs. Dimple Joseph, Mrs. Monisha Roy Claudius ( Vice Principal ), Dr. Mary Thomas ( Principal ), Mrs. Shefali Egbert ( Headmistress ), Mrs. Vijay Rani Dogra ( Class Teacher ), Mrs. Manju Mishra, Mrs. Rachna Agarwal, Mrs. Mamta Mehrotra.



May your light shine in the world

# Somerville School

## GREATER NOIDA

### CLASS-XII C 2017-2018



1st Row From Top - Luke Chugh, Harshvardhan Chauhan, Abhimanyu Sharma, Yuvraj Singh, Aman Mishra, Saransh Upadhyay, Abhas Gahlot, Sankalp Sharma,

Mukul Singh, Suryanshu Khari, Abhishek Sharma, Atharva Manu Sharma.

2nd Row - Praluv Gupta, Trinabh Singh, Vansh Bhardwaj, Abhishek Kumar Chaurasia, Abhijeet Prasad, Sarthak Sharma, M. Siddharth, Saptorshi Pahari, Anyan Tyagi,

Sunit Basak, Sayan Saha, Soumya Ranjan Sahu, Saurabh Singh Chauhan.

3rd Row - Mr. Abhishek Mani, Nima Singh, Shalni Srivastava, Shreya Sharma, Divyadana Bisht, Muskan Sharma, Sagarika Chakraborti, Shreya Goyal, Savvy Rathi, Tanushree Jha, Shriya Singh, Shreya Saxena, Monika Nagar, Vrandana Singh, Anjali Pandey, Mrs. Mamta Mehrotra, Mrs. Rachna Agarwal.

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Dr. Mary Thomas ( Principal ), Mrs. Manju Mishra, Mrs. Vijay Rani Dogra, Mrs. Seema Yogendra, Mrs. Rimmi Soin, Mrs. Preeti Bhowmik.



# Somerville School GREATER NOIDA CLASS-XII D 2017-2018



1st Row From Top - Harshit Kumar, Shubham Kumar Chauhan, Gautam Pandey, Kartik Menon, Uditansh Panghal, Nitish Chauhan, Jaskaran Singh,

Siddharth Dauneria.

2nd Row- Kashish Rathore, Nishtha Chitara, Purna Verma, Samridhi Shashank, Himadri, Shaina Jain, Manshi Pandey, Soumya, Anadi Magar, Diksha Walecha,

Swati Sharma, Dhristi Kumari, Anjul Sharma, Rupal Mishra, Shruti Kashyap, Charu Chauhan, Aditi Adhikari.

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May your light shine in the world



## My Shaking Tooth - A True Story



I had a perfect set of beautiful white teeth. But one fine day my teeth started shaking. My mother said that it is an indication of growing up. When you grow up many changes take place. When you grow up the teeth also begin to shake and fall off to be replaced by the permanent ones. I was excited and wanted my shaking tooth to fall as soon as possible. It was a very painful experience. My mom asked me to pull it with a thread. When I put the thread and pulled it, it was very painful. My elder brother asked me to eat a carrot with the shaking tooth. But it did not work so well. Then I went to my

mother and brought a large ice cream cone and ate. I realized that by the time my ice cream finished, my shaking tooth was gone. I screamed with excitement. I was very happy at the sight of my first permanent tooth peeping from the gum.

---Anishka Tyagi, IV D

## My Parents

My parents are kind,  
They have a good mind.  
My father is my favourite hero,  
He loves me always whether I get a hundred or a zero.  
From going the wrong way, they always forbid,  
But when I fall down they are the ones who give me first aid.  
Utterly delicious food my mother cooks,  
My mouth starts to water even by it's looks.  
I promise I will care for them as long as I live,  
True love and respect always I will give.  
My parents are my mentors and guide,  
I pray that they will always be by my side.

---Nishita Yadav, IV C





## My School Somerville



I love my School Somerville  
 I love to come to school,  
 Because it's very cool.  
 Here I have a lot of fun,  
 While playing in the bright sun.  
 I talk and chat with others,  
 We are like sisters and brothers.  
 While playing in the ground,  
 I run all around.  
 The building is mighty and tall,  
 Somerville is the best school of all.

---Ishita Arya, IV D

## When I grow up

When I grow up,  
 I'll be a Doctor or an Engineer,  
 The day is not far, the time is very near.  
 I want to build my own house nice and huge,  
 Big pink flowers in a garden cute.  
 I'd have a pet dog  
 I'll go out with it for a jog  
 I'll make poor people's lives bloom  
 And pull them out of their sorrows and gloom  
 When I grow up,  
 The world will be better than now  
 And by seeing happy faces  
 I will say, 'Wow!'

---Malishka Singh, IV C





## My First Mobile



*When my papa bought me a mobile,*

*I thanked him with a broad smile.*

*My first mobile was expensive,*

*About it, I am very possessive.*

*First of all, I clicked my photo,*

*Next, I played a game of motto.*

*When its battery gets low,*

*It starts getting slow.*

*When my mobile is full of charge,*

*It helps in tasks small and large.*

*Sometimes my mobile does things that are funny,*

*It's really a value for money.*

*---Kushagra Tripathi, IV D*

## SAVE TREES! SAVE ENVIRONMENT!



*Today, when environment is being polluted so rigorously, everyone has only one question on his/her mind i.e. how to save our environment from being polluted. How to save the Earth from disaster? The best way to protect the environment is to save trees. Trees are one of the most important creations of God which play a vital role in keeping the air clean. If there will be no fresh air, survival of humans and other creatures will not be possible. Therefore, a clean environment is the need of the hour. Many big organizations like schools, colleges and NGO's are taking initiatives to save trees for a better future with clean air to breathe. One of the biggest initiatives to save trees has been by Idea Cellular Ltd.-a part of Aditya Birla Group. Today, trees are being cut with a great speed for fulfilling the daily needs of human beings. It is true that we need to cut trees for our sustenance but cutting trees in such a reckless way is leading towards disaster. You might have noticed that as the number of trees are reducing, disasters are being continuously increasing which ultimately leads to irreparable loss of life and property. We have to devise ways and means to combat deforestation so as to make this planet a better place to live.*

*---Renee Sarah Williams, V B*



## My Dream

When I grow up I want to be the best of all singers,  
I want the people to dance on my fingers.  
I want to live in a house that's very nice  
Where I can play and enjoy when I arise  
I want my room to be clean  
And my garden to be green  
So that I can sit in my room  
And see the flowers bloom  
There I want to grow carrots,  
And feed them to my parrots.  
My dream would come true, I hope it will  
As I plan and sit still.

---Bhuvu Srivastava, IV C

If you can  
dream it, you can  
achieve it.

Aanksha



## Thank You God



My Parents are very kind,  
You cannot anywhere in the world find.  
They make me laugh when I am sad,  
They brought me into this world, I am glad.  
They love me in all situations even and odd,  
Parents are a precious gift of God.  
My Parents are my happiness,  
Dear God, I express my thankfulness.

---Sanvi Singh Bhadoria, IV C

## Mother

Mother is the best gift of God. She loves her children more than herself. She is charismatic. She is an alarm clock which cooks, teaches, does house hold chores and like a watchman guards the house. A Mother always tries to fulfill her child's every wish. Mother is the best gift of God to me.

---Vaaruni Tripathi, IV D





## Lessons from the story of Easter Islands



**T**he story of Easter Islands fascinates me because it gives us an opportunity to think about our actions towards mother earth and analyze the possibilities of our earth's future. It is a classic example of how environmental mismanagement can result in the collapse of societies and cause irreversible damage to nature.

Hundreds of years ago, a small group of Polynesians rowed their wooden canoes across vast stretches of open sea, to make a small, uninhabited island their new home. They eventually named this paradise with dense vegetation of palm trees Rapa Nui now popularly known as Easter Island. As their population increased a complex social structure developed complete with a centralized government and religious priests. As part of the ceremonial practices the inhabitants built monolithic statues called moai to honor their ancestors. They moved these mammoth blocks of stone almost 13 feet tall and weighing 14 tons to different ceremonial structures around the island and lifted them onto ceremonial platforms called ahu. This was achieved with the help of wooden platforms and ropes sourced from the native palm trees. As agricultural activities, boat building and construction of statues increased, more and more trees were cut down. By around 1400 the Easter Island palm became extinct due to excessive deforestation. With the loss of their forest, the Islanders could no longer build boats, streams and drinking water supplies dried up, animals died because of loss of habitats and crop yields declined as topsoil was eroded. As people began to starve, the orderly society disappeared and chaos and disarray prevailed. Survivors formed bands and bitter fighting erupted. When the Europeans arrived in 1722, there was almost no sign of the great civilization that once ruled the island other than the legacy of the strange statues.

Easter Island clearly exemplifies an ecological collapse caused by careless human over consumption to pursue essentially meaningless idols. Just like the isolated island, we on Earth have no alternative place to escape for our survival. This story becomes especially relevant because our current actions on Earth- such as deforestation, overpopulation, species' extinction, soil degradation, and fossil fuel consumption are all among the world's biggest environmental concerns. Therefore we too must learn from this story and start contributing towards a sustainable future.

---Irene Jijo, V B

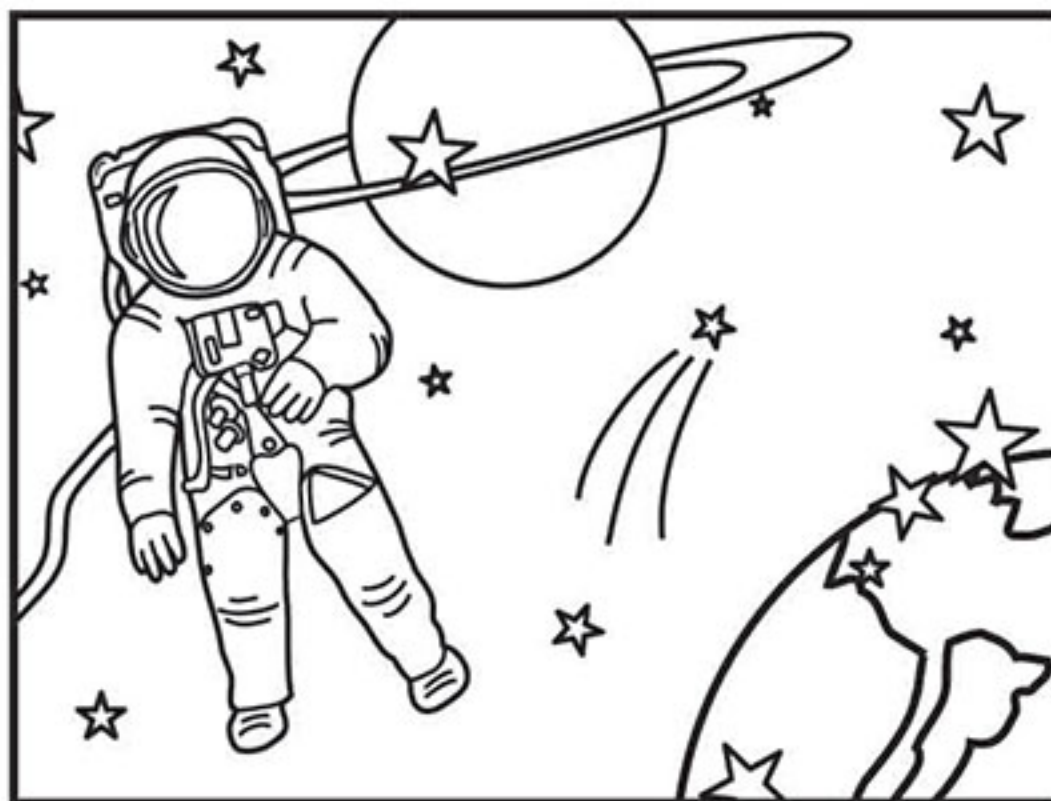


## I wish to be...

I would like to be a space astronaut. I just love reading and exploring about the solar system. In fact, I have a bookshelf with books about the solar system. The word 'space' makes me so excited. I like to study science but when I came to class VI there were no chapters regarding my favourite topic.

I wonder why people are not as excited as I am, when we talk about space. If I become a space scientist, I will learn about all the planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. (MVEMJSUN) I love to learn new facts about the solar system. Like a few days ago I got to know that a few more planets have joined our solar system. I'll try my best to be a space scientist and practise a lot because the ones who practise always win.

---Paavni Mishra, VI B (2<sup>nd</sup>)



## If I were a...

If I were an astronaut, I could fly in space or walk upside down. I could eat without holding a spoon, a fork or chopsticks. Once I dreamt that I had become an astronaut. I went out in the space and played. I wished to stay there because it was so quiet. I ran around the sun and the moon four times. I polished stars because they were not shining. After all the hard work, a star was running away from the other stars. I ran after it to catch it, but it was too fast. Then I had an idea, I jumped into my spaceship and went at the speed of light and finally caught the naughty star. I was too tired. So I flew back to my home as fast as I could.

---Aditya Singh, VI D



## If I were Doctor

If I were a doctor, I would first pledge to perform my duties and take up responsibilities as a doctor in the right manner. I might face situations that may appear scary but I would have to stay calm and take right decisions.

I would make sure that I treat people with sincerity and that every patient deserves the right to have good medication.

People who cannot afford treatment will be treated by me for free and in the best possible way I will try to save their lives. I will not work for money, it will be secondary. It is my responsibility to save a life and I should be doing it.

---Arya, VI B



## If I were a...



**A** doctor keeps the people fit and healthy and treats people who are ill. When a person is suffering from a disease, the doctor not only treats them but keeps their hopes alive. But nowadays doctors are not treating their patients right and all involve in wrong practices.

If I were a doctor, I would help poor people and treat their diseases without charging any money. I know that it will be a problem but I am determined to do it. I will always try to be there whenever my patients would need me. I will travel from urban to remote areas for the treatment of poor people

I would remove the pain and the sufferings of the poor because it is the job of a doctor.

---Chitrita Singh, VI D

## If I were a...

**I**f I were the Prime Minister of India I would serve my country in the most humble manner. The Prime Minister of India is the most powerful person in the country. I would work in close association with the President of our country. The current Prime Minister of India is Mr. Narendra Modi. He has done a lot of work for our country and has introduced many reforms for the development of India.

As a Prime Minister I would work to bring about communal harmony in the country. People would not fight in the name of religion, caste or language. I would take effective steps to check communal riots. The next step would be to fight corruption which is rampant throughout the country. I would not let the public money go waste.

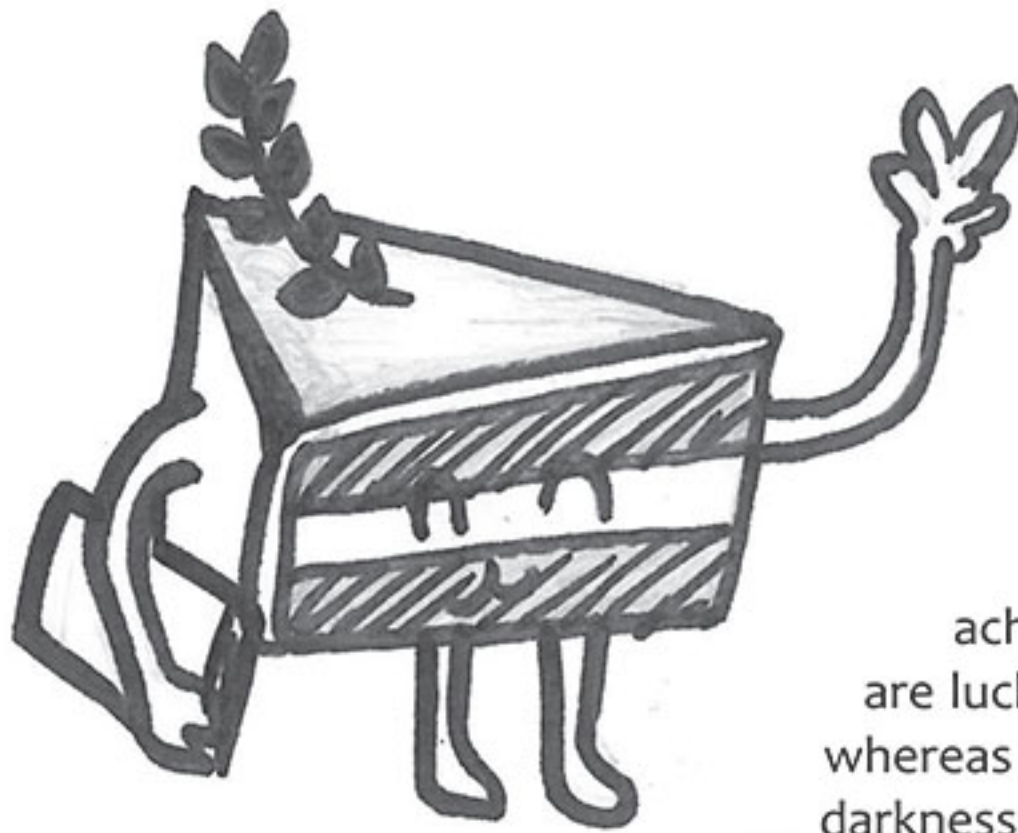
I would make the country's defence strong and see that the armed forces of our country are well provided in all aspects. As the Prime minister of India I would strive to make this country free from poverty.



---Ayaan Verma, VI A



## LIFE IS NOT A PIECE OF CAKE!



Life is an art of drawing without an eraser. Life is a beautiful gift but is not always easy. Happiness-sorrow, victory-defeats, day-night are the two sides of the coin named Life. Life is a bed of roses that has got thorns too. Even when any obstacle comes our way, we should continue with our efforts and should not bow down before the hardships that life offers. Instead of losing hope, we should have a strong will power and we would be able to achieve any goal. People who do not lose hope are lucky enough to face the brighter side of the day whereas those who give up, get lost somewhere in the darkness. The night is the darkest before the dawn but how can we forget the rainbow after the rain. Therefore,

when life gives you unexpected breaks, do not let your confidence shake, because life is certainly how you make!

---Savani Agarwal, VIII C

## SOME RELATIONSHIPS

The most gracious thing the Lord has  
ever created are relationships.

Mother, father, sister, brother,  
And the most precious friendships.  
True friendship is something rare,  
It is nothing adverse but care.

Dear Friend, we embrace our relation,  
laced with unconditional love and affection.

I hope you'll always be by my side,  
And never go away.

But if time parts our way,  
I pray to be in your heart in every way.

---Drishti Jain, VI-A





# Children's Day



A dance performance by the Teachers



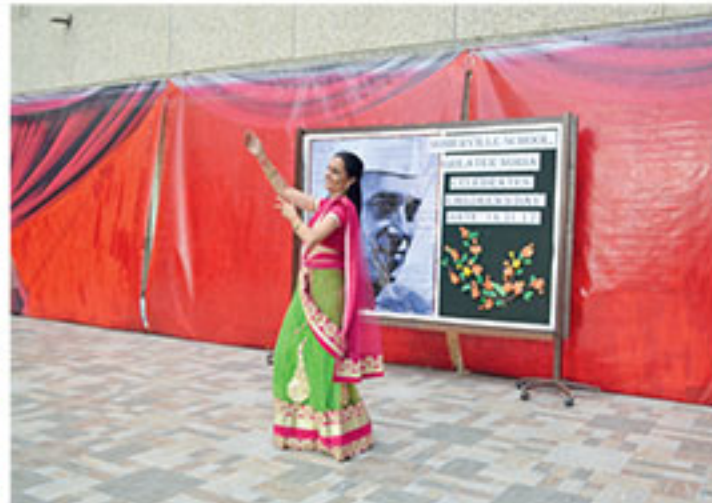
A Medley of Bollywood Numbers by Mr. Saurabh and Ms. Surabhi



A Presentation depicting fusion of Yoga with Dance



An Enactment presented by the Teachers



Solo Performance by Ms. Janki



Teachers showcase their talents



The Jugabandhi



Vice Principal, Monisha Claudius addressing the students on the Occasion of Children's day



A Story Narration by Ms. Neera Choudhary





## WORK EXPERIENCE



## WINNERS OF COMPUTER EVENTS



Winners of NEXUS (DPS Greater NOIDA)



Winners of 'Unplugged' (Khaitan School, NOIDA) with Principal Ma'am



Winners of IN Cognito (Somerville School NOIDA)



## WINNERS OF COMPUTER OLYMPIAD LEVEL - 1



## WINNERS OF COMPUTER OLYMPIAD LEVEL - 2





# EASTER ASSEMBLY



For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



## W. C. SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Arrival of the esteemed members of the Management



Dignitaries watching the match from the stand



Mr. Thomas.T.Roy, Superintendent & Secretary / Treasurer, LCBM in India greeting the Team



Mr.Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville Greater NOIDA greeting the Team



Mr. Thomas.T. Roy, Superintendent & Secretary / Treasurer, LCBM in India tossing the coin



Mr.Thomas.T .Roy, Superintendent & Secretary / Treasurer, LCBM in India inaugurating the Tournament



## ***W. C. SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT***



*Aiming for the Goal*



*Defending the Goal*



*It's a Goal !*



*The Golden Kick*

14th W. C. Somerville Memorial Football Tournament was organized by Somerville School Greater NOIDA from 12th December- 15th December 2017. The members of the Management - Mr. Thomas. T Roy, Superintendent, Secretary/ Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A. Tressler, Chairperson & Director Somerville Schools and Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, Somerville School Greater NOIDA were graced the opening ceremony of the tournament. 16 schools participated in the event. Four matches were played on the first, second and the third day of the tournament. On the fourth day - semi finals were played. The first semi final match was played between Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA and Aster Public, Greater NOIDA and the second semi final match was played between Somerville School, Greater NOIDA and St. Joseph's School Greater NOIDA. Somerville School, Greater NOIDA overpowered it's opponent-Pragyan School Greater NOIDA in the finals by 1/0 and bagged the trophy for the 14<sup>th</sup> W. C Somerville Memorial Football Tournament. Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA won the Runners Up Trophy. The four day tournament was an elevating experience. The schools showed tremendous team work and played the tournament with utmost dedication and discipline.



# W. C. SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Player of the Tournament- Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA



Picture Perfect



Pratham Tyagi- Captain of the winning Team



Runners Up- Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA



The Winners - Somerville School, Greater NOIDA





## ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY THE SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS



# Environment Club: Terra Friends



*Members of Terra Friends*



*Induction ceremony of Terra Friends  
(Environment club of the school)*



*Inter Class Poster Making Competition on  
'Saving Environment'*



*Oath taking ceremony by the members of  
Terra Friends*



*Principal pinning of the badges  
(Environment secretaries)*



## Go Green



*Tree plantation by class XII on the occasion of Arbour Day*



*Tejswita Sharma giving her views at a debate competition on the topic 'Mahanagron ka vikas - Vardaan ya Abhishaap.'*



*Tree plantation by nursery block*



*Workshop by an NGO 'We plant India' on planting fruit trees.*



*Workshop for the students on planting fruit trees by an NGO 'We Plant India'*



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH





# CHRISTMAS LUNCH





## SWEET TOOTH

Love for sugary food was my passion. I loved eating sweets especially chocolates but one day when I took a bite of my favourite sweet at one of my relative's house, I had a severe ache in my tooth but somehow I controlled my crying. When I reached home, I was very sad as I was not able to enjoy my only love of life, 'sweets'. The next day I visited the dentist and there's bad news for me as one of my teeth had decayed and it had to be extracted. The assistant to the dentist helped me to sit on the chair and held my hand assuring me that the pain would not be unbearable but it turned to be a nightmare. When I came home my tooth was gone and I was left with no choice but to avoid eating sweets. Sitting on the dentist chair made me realize that if I don't look after my teeth, I will have to go through this pain again.

---Tejaswita Tiwari, VI C

## ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND



I was sailing merrily in a yacht in the clear blue waters of an ocean. As far as I could see, the only thing visible was water. I was scared as I was alone but it was a pleasant surprise for me to see an island. As soon as my yacht reached the island, I jumped out to explore it. I was enthralled to see the lush green bushes, fruit trees and golden sand. It took me some time to explore the island but suddenly I realized that I was all alone. It was getting dark and I started to panic. I found some coconut and bananas and ate them. I also saw a cave and gathering all my courage entered inside to find it empty. I bought some dry leaves and wood to lit fire as it was getting cold inside the cave. I made for myself a bed of leaves and as I was exhausted, I fell asleep. When I opened my eyes the next morning, the island had disappeared and I realized that it was just a dream. Whatever it be I was back home safe and so 'All's well that ends well'.

---Samaira Srivastava, VI C



# THE DAY I MET A UNICORN

Once I was stuck on a beautiful island. There were breathtaking mountains and the clouds were touching the sky, sparkling waterfalls and a huge forest with giant trees. I saw many animals and mellifluous chirping of birds. If Heaven is a real place then probably this would be it. I just couldn't stop myself from admiring its beauty. Suddenly I heard peculiar noises. I was startled and panicked. I pinched myself to check if all this was real. Oh! By God's grace it was real! I followed the sound deep inside the forest and what I saw gave me goose bumps. Right in front of my eyes there was a unicorn spotless with soft shining coat, blue eyes and the unmistakable single white horn. It was so magnificent that I could not take my eyes off it. The moment it saw me, it ran. I followed it till the end of the island. We both stared at each other and soon became compatible. After a while, the unicorn showed me the best part of the island and I tasted the most delicious fruits I have ever had. It was indeed an unforgettable experience and such things can only happen in dreams.

---Bhumika Srivastava, VI B



# I AM THE BEST



Why would you want to be someone else  
When you could be better by being yourself?  
Why pretend to be someone you are not  
When you have something they haven't got?  
Cheating yourself of the life you have to live,  
Deprives others of that only which you can give.  
You have much more to offer by being just you,  
Than walking around in someone else's shoes.  
Trying to live the life of another is a mistake,  
It is a masquerade; nothing more than a fake.  
Be yourself and let your qualities show through,  
Others will love you more for being just you.  
Remember that God loves you just as you are  
To Him you are already a bright shining star.  
Family and friends will love you more too,  
If you spent time practising just being you.

---Megha Sharma, VII-A



## THE MYSTERY OF TERROR

It was dark when we got down from the train. The place was totally strange to us. Gopi who had promised to be at the station was nowhere in sight. The place was deserted. We had come back from Kolkata and were tired after a long journey. We called up Gopi to know where he had gone missing and got to know that he had to go for some urgent work. As we were new to the place, we did not know anything about the routes. So, we decided to stay in the nearby lodge. It was a little mysterious cottage. There was an old man at the reception who looked spooky. When we reached the bedroom, it was dark and gloomy inside. After a while, the man asked us for dinner to which we replied in affirmation. After dinner, we went to sleep early as we were exhausted. At midnight, we heard footsteps outside our door. I lit a candle and woke my fellow partner up and he too heard the footsteps. We soon realized that the footsteps were advancing towards our room. Suddenly, our window flew open blowing off the candle. We were now horrified. Thus, we clinged to each other. Then the sound of the footsteps stopped and a large shadow could be seen. As the door opened creakingly, we screamed in terror. After a while, we realized that it was none other than Gopi himself! We all laughed and shared our experiences about the incident.

—Navya Goel, VIII C

## BE GRATEFUL



Generations may come and go,  
To God our entire life we owe.  
He helps always, every next hour,  
Whether we are near near or far.  
Burning in some desert sand...  
What saves us is His mighty hand.  
Generations may come and go,  
To God our entire life we owe.  
So please pay heed to what I say,  
Remember God Almighty each and every day.

—Rishabh Banerjee, IX D



## Introduction of Board Exam Pattern-Will it be beneficial for Students?

Last year when I was watching television, I heard on one of the news channels that from 2017-2018 CBSE is going to reintroduce board examination for class 10<sup>th</sup>. I was shocked as I did not know anything about it and how difficult it was going to be for us.

At first, I thought that board exams are very difficult but my family and friends helped me to overcome this negative thought. One thing I like about boards is that there would be no projects. The only task for us is to study hard. I was very happy and I consider this to be a “project free” year where my time will not be wasted in all these projects and the only thing I will do is study hard. I think board exam pattern is beneficial for students as those who really deserve good marks will get good percentage as well and it would be extremely fair to the students.

After all, everyone faces challenges in their lives. Studying hard and achieving my aim is a challenge for me. Without challenges life is boring. The best thing I know is that through challenges only, we learn many new things and many good values also.

---Tanya Som, X D



The decision to reintroduce board examination in class 10<sup>th</sup> was thought over for almost 2-3 years and now finally it has been introduced in the year 2017-2018. I being a class 10<sup>th</sup> student think that it is not going to be beneficial for students. It will only put more burden on students to study harder and get a good percentage. Earlier when there was CCE pattern, students had less burden on them, the students who were not bright in studies had a chance to improve themselves.

Board exams give you only one chance if you are good in studies it is good but those who are not that bright are to suffer. At first, it was abolished and the CCE pattern was introduced as students were so much under pressure and that too at a young age.

Right now I am tensed and scared and I think many students feel the same due to the pressure of board examinations brought upon us. So I am against board examinations.

---Ramya Rana, X D



In a developing country like India, the youth plays a vital role in the development of the country. The youth is responsible for the future and betterment of the nation. Thus, their health and education is a major matter of concern.

Central Board of Secondary Education is one of the best education boards in India. I think the introduction of board exam pattern is a good step as it is beneficial for the students of class tenth.

Board examinations give an inspiration to students to work hard and prepare well. The students willingly study for their board examinations. Most importantly, they can concentrate and remain dedicated throughout the year. Such examinations motivate the students as there is a competition among them to get better grades. Another advantage of this pattern is the students cannot cheat and get marks. They cannot depend on their fellow mates as the examinations are conducted in some other schools. The results provide a platform for students to build upon.

---Tisha Goel, X D



# Introduction of Board Exam Pattern - will it be beneficial for Students?

**B**oard exams are exams in which the question papers come from CBSE and students go to another school to write their exams and their papers are evaluated by other teachers from different schools. Actually in my opinion board exam pattern is a good pattern chosen for class 10<sup>th</sup> as it is really competitive. It is a good learning experience and helps a student to become better.

As we know that in the previous years class 10<sup>th</sup> didn't have board exams and only class 12<sup>th</sup> had board exams. Students of class 10<sup>th</sup> were not worried about exams as they passed easily but when the time came for them to face the board exams in class 12<sup>th</sup> then a situation arose where they did not know what was a board exam about. Some of them gave their exam lightly and thus failed. This happened because teachers give grace marks to the students who are failing by a small margin in class 10<sup>th</sup> but the same does not happen in class 12<sup>th</sup>. So the decision of reintroducing board exam pattern is a good one. This will make the students of class 10<sup>th</sup> aware of boards and accordingly teachers will start preparing students for boards in class 10<sup>th</sup>. The students will not be scared of boards in class 12<sup>th</sup> because of the practice they get in class 10<sup>th</sup>. For board exams students have to write neatly and clearly so that teachers are able to understand. It would be beneficial for the students because it will give regular practice and it will help them in writing other competitive exams. If they write neatly they will get good marks. These are some steps which will help in giving board exams:

- Regular practice: It helps students in learning.
- Good and neat work: It helps them in getting a clear picture of what they have done and get good marks.
- Fast thinking: It helps in increasing their writing speed.

Boards can be beneficial because it prepares the students for difficult competitive exams. It prepares them to think fast. It helps in gaining knowledge. It actually creates an interest among students to learn and score more. Students should be well prepared for boards and never lose hope and self-confidence. Doing well in class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> board exams will help them in getting access to good higher education and a better life ahead.

---S. Varsha, X D



**B**oard examinations are examinations that are conducted by the CBSE at the end of grade XII. The scores achieved in these exams are considered very important for admission in universities, professional courses or training programs. But now the Human Resource and Development Minister has announced that class Xth will also have board exams effective from 2017-2018.

In board examinations the question paper comes from CBSE, students go to another school for writing the exams and the answer sheets are checked by some other teachers.

CBSE's new assessment scheme for class 10<sup>th</sup> board examination 2017-2018 has been issued in a new scheme of examinations. CCE and term system have been replaced with single annual exam with 100% syllabus. The written exam conducted by CBSE will be for 80 marks and internal assessment by the school will account for the rest.

Delhi government requested the HRD minister to withdraw the decision but it wasn't withdrawn. Currently the students of class 10<sup>th</sup> have lighter workload as the syllabus is divided into two terms. Some students have a casual attitude towards exams and end up failing in class 10<sup>th</sup> and furthermore don't score well in class XII. With the new pattern having the entire syllabus the students might find it difficult to handle the increased pressure but they will be better prepared for XII boards.

---Tanvi, X D



## **My Favorite Sports Person and why do I like him/her**

**M**y favorite Sport is cricket and I love to watch cricket matches on television. The calmness, coolness and wicket-keeping skills makes MS Dhoni my favorite player. I follow him on social media. Ever since I have started watching cricket matches, he has been my favorite player. Each and every achievement of his makes me happy, probably that is what we call being an ardent fan. When I saw him for the first time on television, India was playing against Pakistan. And in that match Dhoni played a very smart 183 not out. Since that day I have been his fan.

Dhoni was born in Ranchi, Bihar on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1981. During his childhood he was crazy for football and looking at his goal keeping skills his sports teacher asked him to focus on cricket, focusing mainly on wicket-keeping. As he practiced, he developed a liking for cricket.

His calm and cool composure makes him my favorite player. He captained the Indian team in all formats from 2007 - 2014 and led the Indian team to first position in tests as well as in one - day internationals. His calm, cool, patient demeanour and the habit of dealing with failure and success equally make him India's most successful captain.

He is also famous for his signature shot called the helicopter shot and he is also known as 'captain cool'. There are many other qualities which make Dhoni my favorite player and I respect him a lot.

---Ojaswita Tiwari, XI B



**M**y favourite sports person is none other than Mahendra Singh Dhoni. He is a cricket player and great inspiration for all. He is very famous for his cool and humble attitude with his team mates and even under pressure, he is a great captain and known for his extraordinary captaincy, which is what I like about him. He is a great batsman and an excellent wicket-keeper. Currently, he is the captain of our Indian cricket team.

For a person to become successful he has to work hard and face all the struggles with determination and self confidence. M.S.Dhoni also went through a lot of struggle since childhood. He did not lose hope and tried his level best in all stages of life. When he was a kid, he was the goal keeper in his school's football team. He loved playing football but not cricket and he had real passion for the same. His school offered him to be a cricketer and with his batting skills he won many hearts. He was offered the job of a ticket collector. He was not happy but had to accept the offer and stopped playing cricket for sometime for his family's happiness.

He became tired of doing something against his interest and got frustrated and left the job. Mahi joined back cricket. Slowly and gradually he became famous and was eventually selected in the Indian cricket team and now he is the captain. His life has now become an inspiration and also a biopic was made on him.

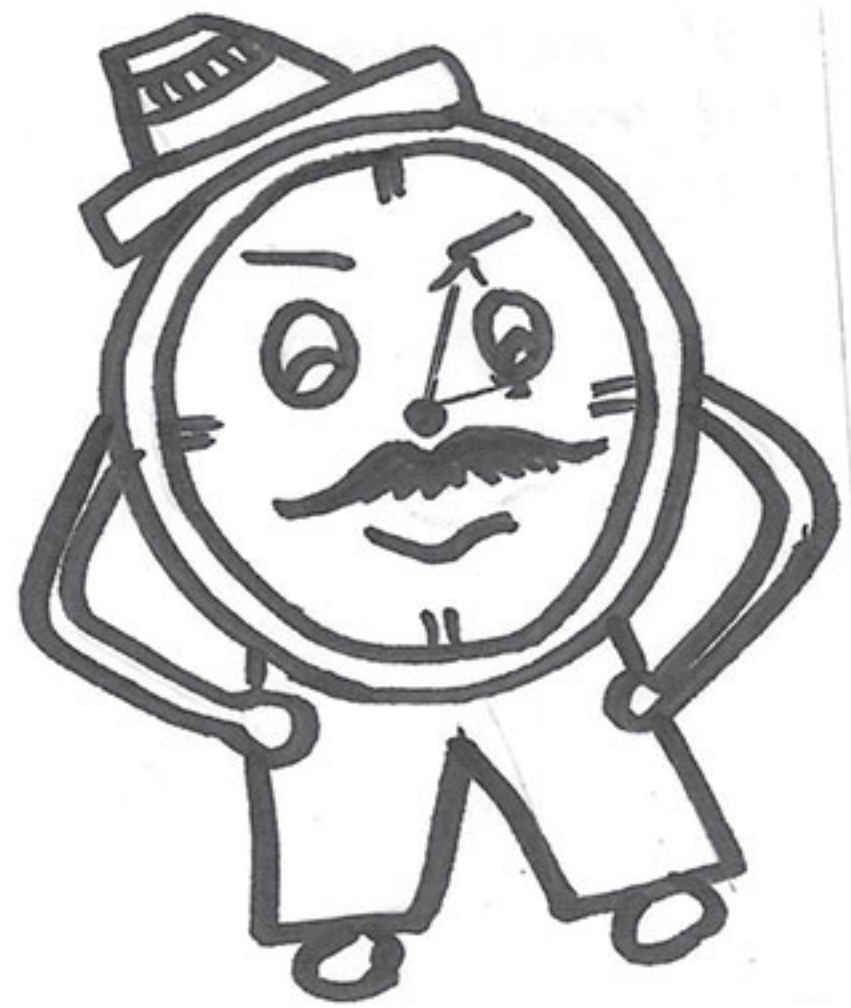
---Snayga C.R., XI B



# It's not you; its me!

It's not you; its me!  
 'You got her late again'  
 Screamed the clock,  
 It was a fight, termed as a talk  
 She made her decision, the bed mocked  
 I don't know why you're shocked  
 'Clock' you're spoiling her, bed  
 Bed, 'don't mess with my head.  
 'You'll get her fired alarm said  
 Seriously dude! She doesn't even know  
 if you're yellow or red.  
 The alarm was hurt  
 But he had to clear the dirt  
 Clock 'You make her inefficient and lazy  
 Bed, 'Man your vision's a little hazy'.  
 They fight every day because of me  
 Why can't I go somewhere why can't I flu.  
 How should I say this?  
 I liked the alarm but I don't anymore  
 I feel guilty but I love the bed now.  
 I don't know why this happened or how.  
 What should I tell him?  
 That it's not him it's me  
 When the lights get dim, I can't hear him.  
 I don't know about anyone else but he can see.  
 That when I lay;  
 All I wanna do is stay  
 I know he'll never give up on me  
 And I feel sooo guilty  
 I know I can't leave either  
 But I'll have to choose  
 Maybe I want to pick neither  
 Until then, I'm scared, I have my sanity to lose.

---Runjhun Sagarm, XI B



## MY DREAM PROJECT

Everybody has their dream project and so do I. My dream project is to have a house which will be built on a beach as I have always wanted to stay there. It will be so pleasant to be on a beach and enjoy the waves of sea, swimming in it and sitting under the shade of the trees. When I was young I loved to built sand castles there and I still enjoy doing that. Being on a beach is a very good stress buster for me. So having a house built on a beach and enjoying nature is my dream project. I want my room to be decorated with sea shells and have an aquarium. I wish to live there with my family.

---Rachi Aggarwal, XI B





# FRIENDS FOREVER



**Dear Friend,**

You have always been with me  
While troubles fret me away,  
You caressed and comforted me.  
You made me laugh, you made me smile,  
When things messed up all through this while,  
There has never been a quid pro quo,  
Because gradually our trust did grow.  
Each and everything we've shared together,  
books, emotions, news and even weather.  
My friend, you always stood by me,  
Whether in pain, sorrow or misery.  
You helped me when I needed you,  
You taught me how to find a way through.  
With your solace, my life is serene,  
Without you I can't imagine where I would be.  
I promise I'll never let you shed tears,  
For the happiness you've gifted me all these years.  
Now it's my turn to repay your unconditional love,  
And nurture our friendship-a blessing from above.

—Bhavika Chaudhary, IX B

# A DAY IN THE SHOWER



I stepped out of my house one day,  
Giggling merely like a character of a play.

Pulled the door open and saw,  
Neither was there a crow or his caw.

Raindrops falling I could see,  
And that I watched with wonderful glee.  
Falling on the earth, drop by drop,  
Making wet the roof and the crop.

Everything I saw was covered with water,  
Whether it was big or shorter.

The smell of the wet mud flew past me,  
Like the nectar of a flower possessed by a bee.  
Finally I held my umbrella and walked out of  
the house,

Gazing the surroundings like a naughty mouse.

This was my experience of a rainy day,  
When I stepped out of my house one day!

—Nancy, VIII C



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Head Boy - Akshay Gupta Burela, V - D**



**Head Girl - Tarushi Singh, V - C**



**Daniel House Captain - Suryansh Tripathi, V - A**



**David House Captain - Sirjan Kaur Bhinder, V - C**



**Moses House Captain - Mohit Kumar Dubey, V - B**



**Solomon House Captain - Aryan Srivastava, V - B**



**Sports Captain Mehul Negi, V - C**



**Vice Head Boy - Shreyas Sahu, V - D**



## **INVESTITURE CEREMONY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**Vice Head Girl - Elizabeth A. Joseph**



**Vice Sports Captain - Abhay Chauhan, V - C**



**Exchange of flags**



**Message by Principal Ma'am**



**Oath taking by the Head Girl - Tarushi Singh**



**Oath taking by the Student Council**



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Junior School - Student Council



## **INVESTITURE CEREMONY SENIOR SCHOOL**



**Head Boy- Aman Mishra, XII C**



**Head Girl- Rajlakshmi, XII A**



**Vice Head Boy- Harsh Singh, XI D**



**Vice Head Girl- Maanvi Sharma, XI A**



**School Sports Captain- Mohd. Hamza, XII B**



**Sports Vice Captain- Aviral Pulast, XI B**



**Daniel House Captain- Soumya Ranjan Sahu, XII C**



**David House Captain- Shriya Singh, XII C**



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY SENIOR SCHOOL



Moses House Captain- Sagarika Chakraborti, XII C



Solomon House Captain- Abhas Gahlot, XII C



Head Girl, Raj Lakshmi delivers the oath



Moses House



## **INVESTITURE CEREMONY SENIOR SCHOOL**



**Solomon House**



**David House**



**Daniel House**



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY SENIOR SCHOOL



Newly Elected Council Members with Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



## ***L.C.B.M. Visit to Faridabad School***

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

-John 3:16(Holy Bible)

The wonderful festival of Christmas is here again bringing with it lots of joy and happiness. The best way to multiply this happiness is by extending a helping hand and sharing our joy with others. This year, I got the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the little children of Somerville Non-formal Education School, Faridabad. The school provides basic education to the children of migrant labourers working in the stone quarries close by. Lott Carey Baptist Mission aims at providing quality education to the poor children by administering it in an exemplary manner. The mission also helps the students to get higher education. We visited the school on 7th December, 2017. Mrs. Mary George, President, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A.Tressler, Chairperson and Director, Somerville Schools, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, our Principal - Dr. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Preeti Bhowmik and other students from the school accompanied us. We were greeted by a warm welcome. The student presented various hymns and carols followed by an enactment of a short story. Thereafter, we gave them the gifts and wished them Merry Christmas. It was an inspirational tour for all of us. It taught us the lesson that spreading happiness leads to an invigorating experience which cannot be described in words, it can only be felt by the heart. We also learnt the true meaning of Christmas, happiness should be shared by all. Caring and sharing promote a feeling of love and compassion and harmony in the world. It is the need of the hour to unite and serve humanity.

-Tejaswith Sharma, IX D





# MOTHER



Dear Mother,  
 I've never seen someone with such an attitude  
 And so here I am to express my gratitude  
 No matter how sad you are you always have a smile on your face  
 Nothing is beautiful than your tender grace  
 No matter how many times I loose you are always there to cheer me up  
 You are the boss and I am your stub.  
 No matter what, you are always by my side  
 Whenever I am in trouble you are ready with your valuable advice  
 Nothing is more fulfilling than the comfort of your arms  
 Whenever adversity knocks me down, you tell me, "No qualms".  
 Thanks for dealing with all the tantrums I throw  
 I am the rabbit and you are like my burrow.  
 Thanks for never giving up on a child like me  
 Mothers like you are the best and will always be.

---Rini Daniel, VIII B

## BELOVED

She is loving,  
 With her love extending,  
 She helps me to overcome obstacles,  
 She motivates me to be stable.  
 She clears my doubts as a teacher,  
 She gives me inspiration as an inspirational speaker.  
 When I am unwell she's always near,  
 As she loves me and is loving dear.  
 She understands my feelings as a friend,  
 And always advices me to be independent.  
 She corrects my blunders,  
 And helps me to do wonders.  
 She tells me only to proceed,  
 In order to succeed.  
 She corrects me to the right track,  
 And tells me to never look back.  
 She cheers me when I am down,



Makes me happy and takes away the angry frown,  
 Her pain she conceals,  
 And never ever reveals.  
 She is so much pampering,  
 And her care ever enduring.  
 She loves me more than other,  
 As she is my beloved mother.  
 She is my God-gifted treasure,  
 Having her is a lot of pleasure.

S. Varsha, X D



## THE WOMEN OF CHANGE

I opened my eyes alone I stood  
 What other reason of me in dilemma could  
 They called me a curse  
 How brutal it was  
 I stood up myself, only that I could claim  
 Well, no respect it gained and again I was blamed  
 For crossing the boundaries which this society has made.  
 Another epoch I examined was nothing but truth  
 The difference between HE and SHE continued;  
 A misfortune, I am, and a boon he is  
 The comparison was done and he won.  
 Because for them (society)  
 To be like him  
 I had to have a Y chromosome  
 But now I was of fifteen, enough grown.  
 What else I saw was strange

Oh God! I was alive till this age  
 Since others like me were ephemeral in womb.  
 Whom was responsible for the foetus's doom?  
 They (society) were, yes they were  
 Whom I call merciless.  
 Who have orthodox views  
 My unfair boundaries which they drew.  
 Suddenly something happened, a thought struck  
 I understood;  
 It was a woman who created them  
 This proves she is a precious gem.  
 That was all for me to be proud of  
 I was no longer inferior and had no doubt,  
 If everyone thought like this  
 then equality will sustain  
 So, being positive I closed my eyes again.  
 ---Hardika Saini, X A

## IMAGE OF GOD



God is the one whom we believe in, respect, pray and the one who is our creator. He is omnipresent and His presence is not restricted to temples, church or a mosque. Different people perceive and visualise God in different ways. God is the creator of the universe. God never slumbers. Some people don't believe in the existence of God but God always showers his blessings on each one of us and never abandons us. When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, trust Him fully because two things can happen - either He'll hold you when you will fall or will teach you how to fly. God does not look for gold vessels or silver vessels. He looks for willing

vessels. The best to find God is to serve humanity, because service to humanity is the service to God. Keep calm and trust Him, God will never let you down.

THANKYOU...

---Aditya Kumar, VII C



# CHALLENGES TO LIFE

In our personal lives as well as on a global scale, we face challenges that test our emotional mettle : grief, death, or even a new venture with an unknown future.

So often we turn away from life rather than toward it. We are masters of avoidance! But if we want to be present to enjoy life and to be more effective in it we must orient ourselves toward facing reality. Because we have grown stronger, we have greater confidence that we can grow even stronger still. This is the basis of feeling capable, which I think is the wellspring of a satisfying life. The Buddha taught that the secret of life is to want what you have and to not want what you don't have. Being present means being present to the life that you have right here, right now. When we surrender to the reality of who we are, we give ourselves a chance to do what we can do.

By being in a hurry, we actually thwart our own success. The old adage puts it like this : the slower you go, the sooner you get there. Slow, disciplined, incremental growth is the kind of approach that leads to lasting change. It is easy to count our troubles rather than our blessings, but such an altitude undermines our ability to draw from the good that we have been given and to see our lives fundamentally as a gift. A change in perspective can make all the difference. Recognising the good and receiving it with gratitude is a recipe for emotional health and well - being. This attitude enlarges the possibility that we can make use of the good we have been given and even use it to cope with the difficulties that we inevitably have inherited.

Often we find our feelings scary, heavy, and confusing, so we try to keep them at a distance. But we need our feelings in order to find satisfaction, meaning and pleasure in life. Getting rid of feelings not only backfires but it also drains us of the psychological energy that makes life worth living. We all are learning. No one gets it right every time. The dynamic process of life trying, succeeding, failing, and trying again is the only way to develop lasting confidence in ourselves.

It is easy to neglect what matters the most : our relationships with those we love. Love whether in marriage, family relationships, or friendship is a dynamic, living experience. It is something we choose and earn everyday. It accepts the reality that we will hurt one another and be hurt by one another. It is the nature of being human. These pains cannot be avoided. We can only devote ourselves to do what we can do to mend them. So then, love essentially is repair work. We tend to the hurts, try to heal them and express our concern. We take responsibilities for our mistakes; learn to say sorry. We learn to forgive; accept the forgiveness of another. As the monks do everyday, we fall down and get up, fall down and get up again.

--- Tanya Som, X D



## संपादकीय

“जो भरा नहीं है भावों से बहती जिसमें रसधार नहीं  
वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है जिसमें स्वदेश का प्यार नहीं”  
मैथिलीशरण गुप्त जी की ये पंक्तियाँ मानव हृदय के भावों को  
आन्दोलित करती है और अपने देश, उसकी संस्कृति, उसकी  
भाषा के प्रति प्यार और सम्मान प्रकट करने की प्रेरणा देते हैं।  
कुछ इसी प्रकार के भावों को बच्चों में जाग्रत करने का प्रयास ही  
हमारी पत्रिका के हिंदी के अंश है जिसे छात्रों ने बहुत ही लगन व  
परिश्रम से तैयार किया है। पत्रिका का यह अंश बच्चों की  
सृजनात्मकता एवं उनकी कल्पना के पंखों को उड़ान देने के  
लिए है। यह अंक आप सभी को प्रेरित कर नवीन सृजन की ओर  
ले जाएगा। हम आगे भी यह विश्वास दिलाते हैं कि विद्यालय  
की प्रचार्या एवं अन्य अध्यापिकाओं के मार्ग-दर्शन से हम बच्चों  
के सर्वांगीण विकास का सार्थक प्रयास करेंगे।

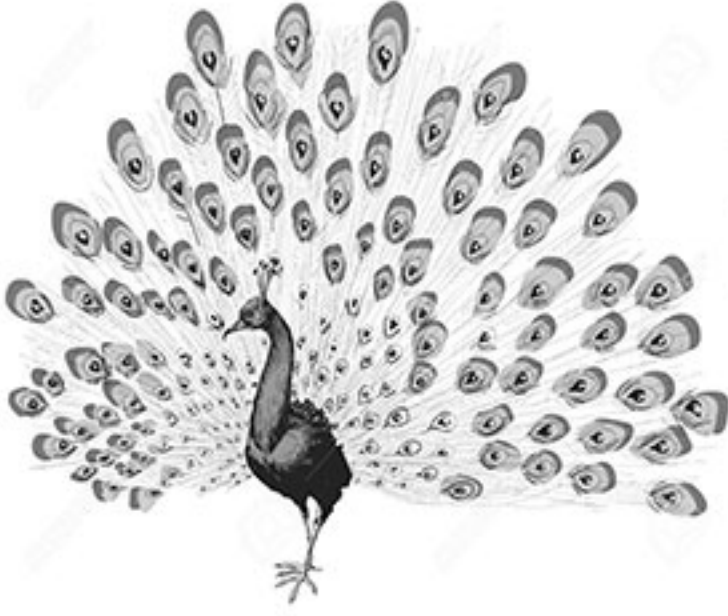
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## मेरा प्रिय पक्षी मोर



मोर हमारा राष्ट्रीय पक्षी है। इसके पंख सुंदर और रंग-बिरंगे होते हैं। इसकी गरदन बहुत लंबी होती है। इसके सिर में मुकुट जैसी कलगी होती है। मोर भारत में सभी जगह पाया जाता है। मोर कीड़े और साँप आदि खाता है। मोर काले बादल को देखकर खुश हो जाता है। बारिश आने पर नाचने लगता है। इसकी सुंदरता के लिए ही इसे राष्ट्रीय पक्षी कहा जाता है।

---दीपिका मिश्रा, दूसरी-सी (प्रथम)

## मेरा पसंदीदा फल

फल हमारी सेहत के लिए अच्छे होते हैं। आम मेरा पसंदीदा फल है। मुझे आम का रस पीना अच्छा लगता है। कच्चा आम खट्टा होता है। आम का रंग पीला होता है। आम हमारा राष्ट्रीय फल है।

---खुशी अग्रवाल, दूसरी-बी (द्वितीय)



## मेरा प्रिय खिलौना



मेरा मन पसन्द खिलौना एक रिमोट से चलने वाली कार है। यह प्लास्टिक की कार है, इस वजह से यह बहुत हल्की है। मैं रोज़ इसके साथ खेलता हूँ। यह दो बैटरी से चलती है। यह मेरे पहले जन्मदिन पर मेरे पापा ने दिलाई थी। इसको दाँएँ या बाँएँ भी मोड़ा जा सकता है।

---हर्षित सिंह शर्मा, दूसरी-ए (तृतीय)

## मेरा प्रिय मित्र

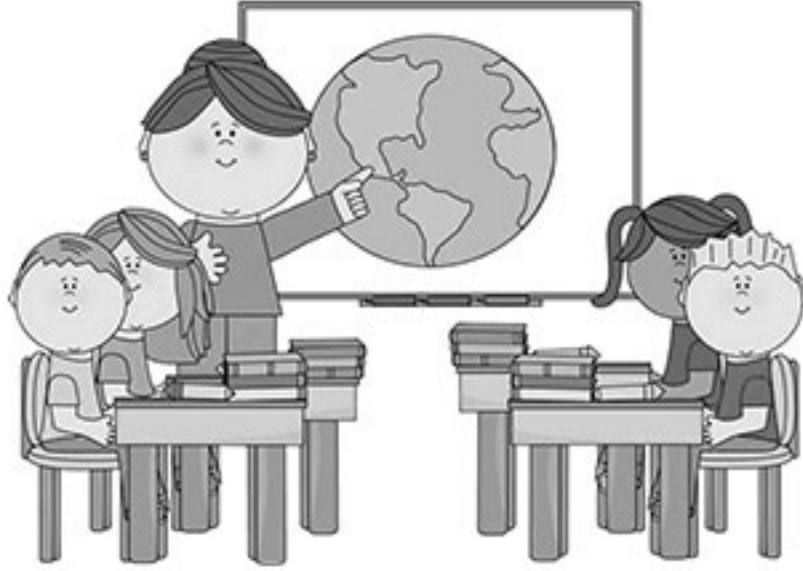
खुशी मेरी सबसे प्रिय मित्र है। उसका घर मेरे घर के पास है। हमारी मित्रता लगभग 3 वर्ष पुरानी है। हमारे विचार लगभग समान हैं। हमारी मित्रता में स्वार्थ की भावना दूर-दूर तक नहीं है। हम दोनों एक ही कक्षा में पढ़ते हैं। खुशी बहुत ही शालीन और विनम्र लड़की है। उसका उत्साह और आत्मविश्वास गज़ब का है। वह समय की बहुत पाबंद है। उसी ने मुझे समय का महत्त्व समझाया। कहते हैं सच्चा मित्र ईश्वर का अमूल्य उपहार है। मुझे अपने इस दोस्त और हमारी दोस्ती पर गर्व है।

---आर्या सिंह, तीसरी-डी (तृतीय)



## मेरी नई कक्षा

मेरी नई कक्षा तीसरी-बी है। मेरी कक्षा दूसरी मंज़िल पर स्थित है। प्रथम दिन मैं अत्यंत उत्साहित थी। नई कक्षा नए सहपाठी और नया माहौल। मन में तरह-तरह की बातें उठती थीं। कैसी होगी कक्षा? कौन-कौन से शिक्षक होंगे? आदि विचार रह-रहकर उठते थे। परंतु मैंने पहले दिन देखा मेरी कक्षा व्यवस्थित थी। मेरी कक्षा में सुव्यवस्थित



फर्नीचर व साफ़ सफ़ाई भी अच्छी तरह थी। हमारी कक्षा की पूरे विद्यालय में प्रशंसा होती है। हमारी कक्षा में अनुशासन का विशेष ध्यान रखा जाता है। हमें हमारे अध्यापकों के मान-सम्मान का भी पूरा ध्यान रहता है।

---दीर्घा मिश्रा, तीसरी-बी (द्वितीय)

हर्ष और मैं उत्साह के साथ अपनी नई कक्षा में पहुँचे। पुराने मित्रों के छूटने, नई अध्यापिका को लेकर घबराहट भी थी। मेरी कक्षा दूसरी मंज़िल पर है। वहाँ से अपनी घर की सोसाईटी देखकर प्रसन्नता हुई। कक्षा में अध्यापिका ने मन लगाकर पढ़ने को कहा। हमारी अध्यापिका बहुत स्नेही हैं। मैं अपनी कक्षा में प्रतिदिन कुछ नया सीखता हूँ। छुट्टी की सुस्ती बाकी है पर मैंने पढ़ाई में मेहनत करना शुरू कर दिया है।

---उमेर अहमद, तीसरी-डी(प्रथम)

## मेरा बगीचा

मेरे घर के सामने एक बहुत बड़ा और सुंदर बगीचा है क्योंकि घर के सामने बहुत धूप है। बगीचे में फूल तथा फल के पेड़ भी हैं। बगीचे के चार कोनों में चार बड़े-बड़े पेड़ हैं। वहाँ फूल के पौधे हैं जैसे कि गुलाब, गेंदा, सूर्यमुखी, डहेलिया आदि के पौधे हैं। कई प्रकार के पेड़ भी हैं जैसे कि नीम, नींबू, गुलमोहर, कटहल, नारियल आदि के पेड़ हैं। फलों के पेड़ भी हैं जैसे कि आम, चीकू, पपीता और अमरूद। हम तरह-तरह की सब्जियाँ भी उगाते हैं जैसे कि मूली, गाजर, धनिया, पुदीना, पालक और मिर्च आदि। मैं और मेरा भाई बगीचे में खेलते हैं। हमने एक झूला और बैठने की जगह बनाई है।

शाम को मैं माँ के साथ बगीचे के पौधों में पानी डालती हूँ। मुझे पानी डालने में बहुत मज़ा आता है। सुबह एक माली आता है जो बगीचे का देखभाल करता है। मेरे बगीचे में पक्षी भी आते हैं जैसे कि तोता, कबूतर, कौआ, कोयल आदि। बगीचे में रंग-बिरंगी तितलियाँ सुंदर-सुंदर फूलों पर मंडराती रहती हैं। जिसे देखकर मुझे बहुत खुशी मिलती है। मुझे अपना बगीचा बहुत पसंद है।



---संजना घोष, चौथी-डी (प्रथम)



## जब मैंने पहली बार किसी की मदद की

सहायता का मानव जीवन में बहुत महत्त्व है । सहायता करने से इंसान को नम्रता व उसके संस्कार की प्राप्ति होती है । सहायता करने से इन्सान को परमसुख की प्राप्ति होती है । इसी प्रकार की खुशी मुझे तब हुई जब ठंड में मैं अपने माता-पिता के साथ गरीब लोगों को गरम कपड़े दान करने गया । वह बहुत खुश हुए और मुझे आशीर्वाद दिया । जब मैं घर लौट रहा था तब मैंने एक माँ और उसके बच्चों को ठंड में काँपते देखा कुछ गरम कपड़े उनको भी दे दिए । वे भी बहुत खुश हुए और मुझे आशीर्वाद दिया । वह मेरा पहला दिन था जब मैंने पहली बार किसी की मदद की और मैं हमेशा करूँगा ।

---नमन मिश्रा, चौथी-बी (द्वितीय)

## चिड़ियाघर की सैर

कोई घूमे किला  
तो कोई घूमे शहर  
मुझे तो तब अच्छा लगा  
जब की चिड़ियाघर की सैर

सर्दी की छुट्टियाँ चल रही थी और नानी हमारे घर आई थीं । नानी और मैंने चिड़िया घर जाने का कार्यक्रम बनाया । राजस्थान के पास भरतपुर में बहुत सुंदर सा चिड़ियाघर है । सुबह के साढ़े दस बजे हम वहाँ पहुँच गए । वहाँ काफ़ी चहल-पहल



थी। सब टिकट के लिए पंक्ति में खड़े थे । हमने भी टिकट खरीद लिए । इसमें अनेक प्रकार के जल-जीव तैर, रहे थे । सुंदर-सुंदर बतखें, बगुले और अनेक प्रकार की चिड़ियाँ पानी में आनंद ले रही थी । आगे बढ़ने पर तोते, कबूतर, चील चिड़िया नीलकंठ चह-चहा रहे थे । वहाँ अनेक हिरण चौकड़ी भर रहे थे । राजस्थान में स्थित भरतपुर का यह चिड़ियाघर निश्चित रूप से दर्शनीय स्थल है । यहाँ सफ़ाई की व्यवस्था बहुत बढ़िया है । प्राकृतिक वातावरण की सुंदरता के साथ-साथ जानवर भी मिलें । सम्पूर्ण दृश्य बहुत ही मनमोहक लग रहा था । सचमुच यह मेरी सबसे यादगार सैर थी । मुझे आनंद के साथ-साथ जानकारी भी मिली ।

---दिव्यांशी रॉय, चौथी-सी (तृतीय)



## समय मूल्यवान है

मानव जीवन में समय का अत्यधिक महत्त्व है । समय का मूल्य पहचानना ही समय का सदुपयोग है । भगवान सभी को एक दिन में 24 घंटे देते हैं, जो लोग अपने 24 घंटे का सही उपयोग करते हैं वह जीवन में दूसरों से मीलों आगे निकल जाते हैं । अगर तुम जीवन में कुछ बड़ा काम करना चाहते हो तो समय का सदुपयोग करना चाहिए । उर्दू के एक शायर ने लिखा है - समय कभी हाथ नहीं आता ।

“कल करै सौ आज कर  
आज करै सौ अब  
पल में परलै होएगी  
तो बहुरी करेगा कब”

चाणक्य के अनुसार- जो लोग समय का ध्यान नहीं रखते, वे जीवन भर असफलता और पछतावा ही पाते हैं । समय सीमित है, मनुष्य जीवन में समय अनमोल है । समय का सदुपयोग निर्धन को धनवान और मूर्ख को विद्वान बना सकता है । समय अमूल्य धन-है यह हमारा कर्तव्य है कि प्रातः काल उठकर जो कार्य करना है उसे निश्चित कर लें और पूरे दिन कार्य करके उसे समाप्त कर डालें ।

समय का सदुपयोग करने वालों को सभी सुखों की प्राप्ति होती है । चला गया जो समय लौटकर, कभी न फिर आता । सदा समय को खोनेवाला, कर मल-मल पछताता । जिसने इस को न माना, उसको इसने भी ठुकराया । लाख यत्न करने पर भी हाथ न उसके आया । हो जाता है एक घड़ी के लिए जन्मभर रोना । समय बहुत ही मूल्यवान है, व्यर्थ कभी मत खोना ।

---तरुषी सिंह, पाँचवीं-सी (प्रथम)



## जी करता जोकर बन जाऊँ



जोकर मुझे बना दो जी  
मोटी तोंद लगा दो जी ।  
नाक गाल को खूब सजाकर,  
बंदर जैसे दाँत दिखाकर,  
रोतों को भी खूब हँसाकर,  
हँसा-हँसाकर आँसू लाऊँ,  
जी करता जोकर बन जाऊँ ।



जोकर मुझे बना दो जी,  
उल्टा-सीधा मुँह बनाकर,  
छोटी-सी एक पूँछ लगाकर,  
बच्चों का टट्टू बन जाऊँ,  
जी करता जोकर बन जाऊँ ।  
जोकर मुझे बना दो जी ।  
मोटी तोंद लगा दो जी ।  
---शताक्षी, चौथी-बी



# GREATER NOIDA: FLOWER SHOW





# —TEACHER'S DAY—



A short Skit by the students



Aman Mishra displays his talent



Atoshi, Malika and Siddharth compering for the event



Dance moves by the students



Dancing to the tunes of the melody



Shaina in the role of a teacher



Vice Principal, Ms. Monisha Claudius addressing the students



XI and XII Class Students tapping their feet



## Child's First Mentor



**With A Blend of Chalk And Challenges**



# Visit to Kiran Nadar Institute of Art



Somerville School, Greater Noida organized a Field Trip to Kiran Nadar Art Museum as a part of students' enrichment programme. More than 250 students from Classes IV and V visited the museum on the 6th and 7th of October, 2017. From the middle and the senior school about 700 students from Classes VI - X visited the museum in the month of October, November and December. The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art is the initiative of Ms Kiran Nadar

wherein hands on experiences are crafted and created for school children. The students had a glimpse of the modern and contemporary art forms and works from different corners of India. A slide show and an interactive session by the curator further helped the students to appreciate the art and artefacts.

This was followed by the screening of a motivational movie - 'I Am Kalam' produced by the Smile Foundation which inspired the young minds, who carried home the message that 'It is important to dream big to achieve something in life, as achievers are the ones who dare to dream and work hard with perseverance to make their dream come true'.



## Educational Trip To Shiv Nadar University

Somerville School, Greater Noida organized an Educational Trip for the Science students of Class XI on 18th November 2017. The students visited various Labs of the Science Department - Life Skill Lab, Chemistry Lab, Physics Lab etc. 22 students of Class XI B and XI C got a good exposure to these labs. The research work was showcased by the faculty. The students also got hands on experience on different projects. This was followed by a lecture given by Professor Rupamanjari Ghosh - the Vice Chancellor of the University.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



India completes 71 years of Swaraj - A tribute to the freedom fighters of India



Monisha Cladius, Vice Principal, motivating the students to serve our Motherland

Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?

-Mahatma Gandhi

Our school commended the Independence Day with fervor. The Independence week was hailed off on August 11 with a special assembly, conducted by the senior school students. It was heartening to see youngsters put forth their patriotism through a skit reminding us of the untold sacrifices of the freedom fighters, a patriotic song and a thought provoking street play, highlighting the challenges faced by India today.

On August 15, the air was filled with patriotic feelings that emanate from various songs aired on the campus radio. The celebrations commenced with the customary unfurling of the National flag followed by the National Anthem. It was followed by the



Students shared their thoughts on freedom



Senior students performing Nukkad Natak titled 'Azadi'



Singing to the joy of Independence



speeches eulogizing the great sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and patriotic songs sung by the Junior School Choir. The programme ended with a beautiful poem 'Khooni Hastakshar' recited by Mukul Kumar and Md. Hamza.



## GANDHI JAYANTI

"Strength does not come from physical capacity; It comes from an indomitable will."

M.K Gandhi, the Father of our Nation, has a great impact on this planet. He played a pivot role in India's freedom struggle. His ideas of strong will, non-violence and truth have always inspired the young scholars. On the auspicious 148th birthday of Bapu, the students of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA presented a special assembly to pay tribute to him. The programme begun with a prayer song followed by a discussion on his principles and deeds. Students also presented an account of his journey from being a barrister to a Mahatma. Gandhi's love for weaker section of society, strong educational values, vision for women upliftment, dream of careful design of Indian constitution and clean India were some of the highlights of the assembly. Various inspiring stories and incidents from his life were shared with students. The assembly was concluded by the Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, who encouraged students to live in unity and harmony.



Paying tribute to Father of the Nation on his 148th Birthday



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, encouraging students



# REPUBLIC DAY

"Democracy means nothing if people are not able to work the democracy for the common good."

-Chandra Bhushan

The Republic Day of India is a National festival to mark the adoption of the Constitution of India and transition of India from a British Dominion to an Independent Republic on January 26th 1950.

The patriotic fervour warmed up the cold winter morning as the teachers, parents and children of the school enthusiastically gathered to hoist the National flag. The Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, in her address to the gathering, expressed pride in the rich cultural past of the country. Ma'am urged every student to work with honesty and dedication for the nation. A medley of patriotic songs was sung by our mellifluous school choir. Students of Class XII pledged for the country tracing the history of Indian Constitution, along with the flavour of key words such as justice, equality, liberty, republic, democratic and secular.



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, reviving the values of the Indian Constitution.



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, seeking the blessings of Almighty for a better Nation



The young Republicans- rejoicing liberty and equality



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, unfurling the tricolour



## Support Staff



**Teamwork is the essence of success**



## हमारे बदलते गाँव

हमारा प्यारा भारत गाँवों का देश है । भारत की 70 प्रतिशत जनता गाँव में ही रहती है । आज हमारा भारत लगातार विकास कर रहा है । यह विकास सिर्फ शहरों में ही नहीं हो रहा है बल्कि हमारे गाँव भी बदल रहे हैं । गाँव में पक्के घर बनने लगे हैं । गाँव में पक्की सड़कें बनने लगी हैं । गाँव में स्कूल, कॉलेज व अस्पताल की सुविधाएँ होने लगी हैं । गाँव में लोग पढ़ने लगे हैं । खेती-बाड़ी में किसान नई तकनीकें प्रयोग में ला रहे हैं । मोदी जी के 'स्वच्छ-भारत' अभियान से गाँव साफ़ व स्वच्छ होने लगे हैं । "बेटी बचाओ-बेटी पढ़ाओ" जैसी सोच से गाँव की लड़कियाँ भी आगे बढ़ने लगी हैं । हाँ, सचमुच हमारे गाँव बदल रहे हैं ।

---जान्या सिंह, पाँचवीं-सी (प्रथम)

## समय बहुत ही मूल्यवान है

समय बहुत ही मूल्यवान है । यह धन से कई गुना अधिक महत्वपूर्ण और मूल्यवान है । इस संसार में जीवन में जितनी भी वस्तुएँ हैं, समय उन सब से अधिक अमूल्य है । धन को मेहनत और लगन से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है । पर बीता हुआ समय वापस प्राप्त नहीं किया जा सकता है । यह अमूल्य है । इस संसार में जितने भी महापुरुष हुए हैं, वे

सब समय को उचित उपयोग में लगाकर, लाभ प्राप्त कर पाए हैं । वे सब इसी प्रकार ऊँचे पद को प्राप्त हुए हैं । जो व्यक्ति समय चक्र को पहचान लेता है,

वह सफलता के अति-निकट पहुँच जाते हैं । समय के उचित उपयोग में ही सफलता का रहस्य है । समय का उचित

उपयोग, करने का सबको समान अधिकार है । किसी का इस पर एकाधिकार नहीं है । सफलता का रहस्य,

समय का उचित उपयोग है । खाली समय बहुत

उपयोगी सिद्ध हो सकता है । एक-

एक सेकंड बहुत मूल्यवान है । समय

इस संसार की सबसे अधिक

शक्तिशाली वस्तु है । यह उस व्यक्ति

के लिए अमूल्य है जो समय का उचित

उपयोग करता है । जो यह नहीं

समझता, वह सबसे बड़ा मूर्ख है ।

---अदित्या, पाँचवीं-ए (प्रथम)





## मेरे माँ और पिताजी

मेरी माँ ममता का सागर है,  
और उसका किनारा है मेरे पिताजी ।  
मेरी माँ से ही बनता है घर,  
पर घर का सहारा है मेरे पिताजी ।  
मेरी माँ की आँखों का तारा है मेरे पिताजी  
मेरी माँ से स्वर्ग, मेरी माँ से ही जन्नत  
हो जाती है पूरी मेरी हर मन्नत  
पर इन सबका द्वार है मेरे पिताजी,  
मेरी माँ सजाती है मेरा परिवार,  
और पिताजी बसाते हैं उसमें बहुत प्यार ।  
---विदूषी सिंह, छठी-डी



## पतंगों का मौसम

मौसम आज पतंगों का है  
नभ में राज पतंगों का है  
इंद्रधनुष नए रंगों का है  
मौसम नई उमंगों का है ।  
निकले सब ले डोर पतंगें  
सुंदर सी चौकोर पतंगें  
उड़ा रहे कर शोर पतंगें  
देखो चारों ओर पतंगें ।  
चली डोर पर बैठ पतंगें,  
इठलाती सी ऐंठ पतंगें,

नभ में कर घुसपैठ पतंगें  
करें परस्पर भेंट पतंगें ।  
कुछ के कन्ने हट रहे हैं  
कुछ के डोरे टूट रहे हैं  
कुछ यूँ ही दौड़ रहे हैं  
कटी पतंगें लूट रहे हैं ।  
---अशमी वर्मा, छठी-डी





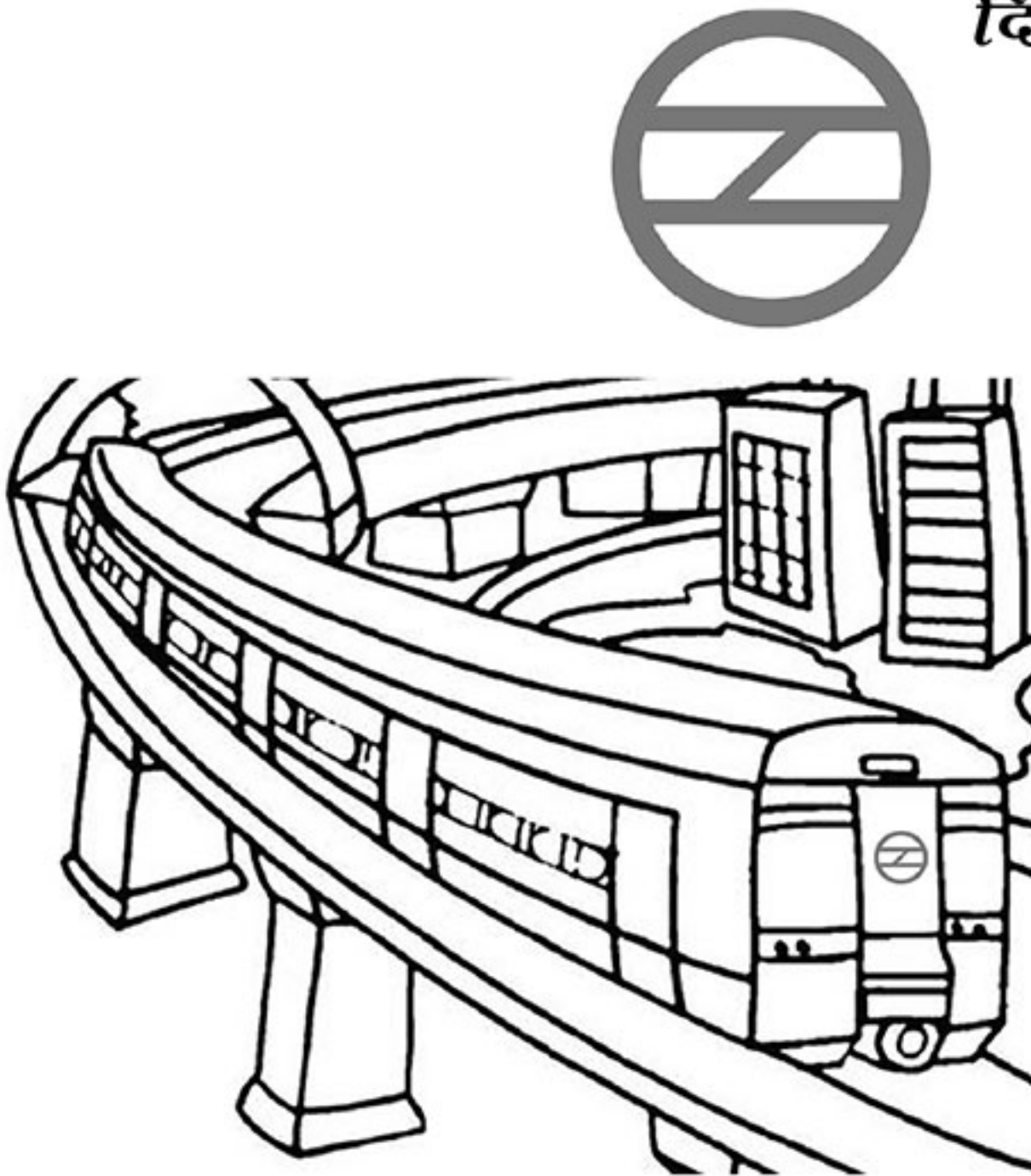
## पुस्तक का महत्त्व

किताबें मेरी संग सहेली  
हर दम मेरा मन बहलाती  
अकेले में उनसे बतियाती  
कभी पर्स में कभी बैग में  
हमेशा अपने साथ लाती  
हिंदी में या इंग्लिश में  
हर भाषा में ये मुझको भाती  
सही राह पर हमें चलाती  
ज्ञान दिलाकर आगे बढ़ाती  
अच्छे-बुरे का फ़र्क बताती  
मंजिल तक हमको पहुँचाती  
इनमें भरा है ज्ञान का खज़ाना ।  
---दिपांशी शर्मा, छठी-डी



## दिल्ली की है शान मेट्रो

दिल्ली की है शान मेट्रो,  
हम सबका अभिमान मेट्रो .  
समय कीमती कितना होता,  
करवाती यह ज्ञान मेट्रो ।  
दौड़े खम्बों के ऊपर से,  
बैठने वाले बैठे तनकर,  
पृथ्वी के भीतर और बाहर  
नवयुग का वरदान मेट्रो ।  
बैठ गया है एक बार जो,  
चाहे बैठना बार-बार वो ।  
आज नहीं तो कल बनेगी,  
यातायात की जान मेट्रो ।  
भारत की ये नई विरासत,  
कोई करना नहीं शरारत ।  
आगे पीढ़ियाँ याद करेंगी,  
ऐसा एक अभिमान मेट्रो ।  
---इंजीला हिमानी, आठवीं-सी





## जल ही जीवन है

कल-कल, छल-छल, बहता जल कहता एक कहानी,  
मैं सर्जक हूँ, सागर का गर्जन हूँ, मैं हूँ नदिया का पानी,  
मैं पालक पोषक इस धरती का, मुझसे ही हरियाली,  
सुमनों का सौरभ, मही की सुषमा मैं, मुझसे सब चेहरों पर लाली ।

मुझसे ही पूरित हो करके, बादल धरती की प्यास हरे,  
तब कहीं अन्न उपजाकर, हलधर जगती का पेट भरे,  
मैं तरुण हृदय मधुराई हूँ, बस इतनी मेरी कहानी, मैं हूँ नदिया का पानी ।

मैं पंचतत्व आधारभूत, शीतल, अमृत, शुचि और सरस,  
मेरे केवल स्पर्श मात्र से बन जाए अमृत गरल-तरल,  
मेरी गति से संगीत बने, धारा में सब रस छंद चले,  
मैं सत्यम्, शिवम्, सुंदरम् का पोषक हूँ, प्रतिपालक हूँ,  
बस इतनी मेरी कहानी ।

कल-कल, छल-छल, बहता जल कहता एक कहानी ।

जब मेरा हो विकराल रूप, तब धरती पर संहार करूँ,  
शिव के तांडव का वेग भरूँ, अमरत्व का विषपान करूँ,  
मैं शोषक बन जड़ चेतन का निज के प्रवाह में मग्न करूँ,  
बस मेरी यह जुबानी, मैं हूँ नदिया का पानी ।

कल-कल, छल-छल, बहता जल कहता एक कहानी ।

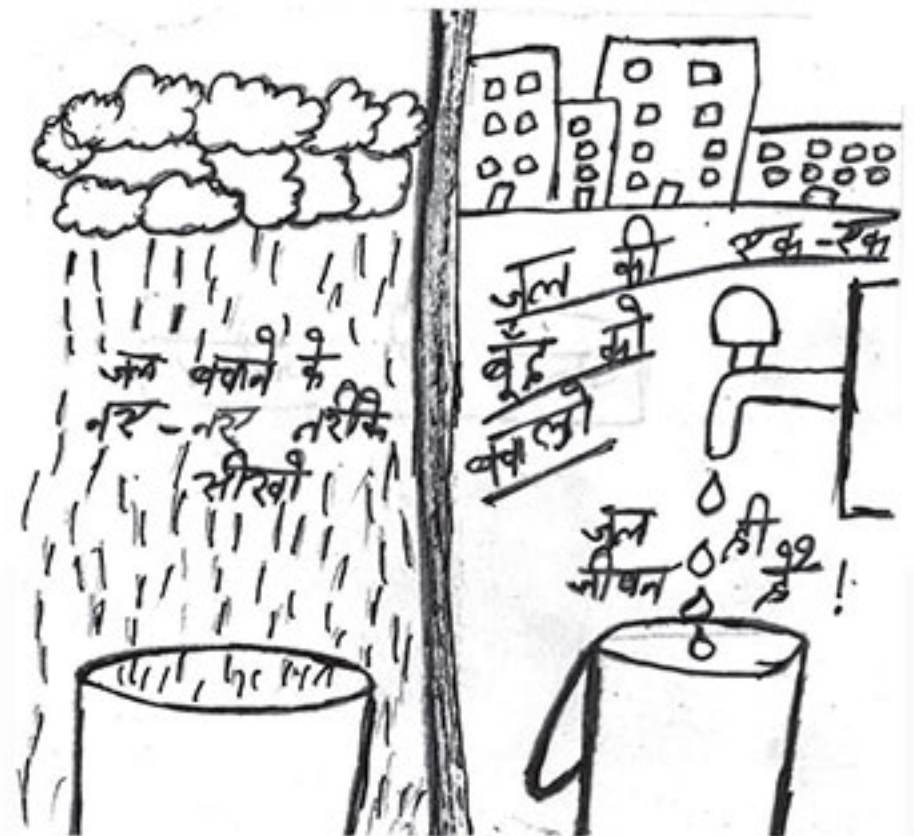
हो जाऊँ अगर मैं रिक्त यहाँ, मच जाए त्राहि यहाँ-वहाँ ।

फिर जीवन वृक्ष न, पुष्पित हो, थम जाए सबके प्राण यहाँ,  
इसलिए मुझे संरक्षित कर, इस धरती का श्रृंगार करो,  
बस मेरी यही रवानी, मैं हूँ नदिया का पानी,

कल-कल, छल-छल, बहता जल कहता एक कहानी ।

जल जीवन है, मैं ही जल हूँ, जड़ चेतन का मैं ही कल हूँ,  
जीवन के हित जल रहने दो, कल-कल मुझको बहने दो,  
कल-कल, छल-छल, बहता जल कहता एक कहानी ।

---आयुषी कौशिक, आठवीं-सी





## बाल श्रम

कंधों पर किताबों की जगह  
ज़िन्दगी का बोझ उठाता, वह मासूम ।  
औजारों से खेलते,  
कलम पकड़ने वाले वो हाथ ।  
उम्र के पहले ही पड़ाव में  
रोटी, कपड़े में उलझा बचपन,  
बाल श्रम पर क्यों नहीं  
उबलता हमारा मन ॥



सरकार ने जो नियम बनाए,  
क्यों हम उन्हें तोड़ते हैं ।  
चंद पैसों के खातिर क्यों,  
सपने इनके बिखेरते हैं ।  
आओ हम सब मिलकर  
करे आज ये प्रण ।  
नहीं छीनेगा कोई जहाँ में ।  
कभी किसी का बचपन,  
बंद करो ये बाल श्रम ॥  
---उपांशु झा, आठवीं-सी

## मज़दूर की आत्मकथा

कल रात की बासी रोटी,  
आज मैं मज़े से खा रहा हूँ,  
कल एक घर बना के आया था,  
आज फिर बनाने जा रहा हूँ ।  
मज़दूर की ज़िंदगी को,  
खूब अच्छे से निभा रहा हूँ,  
मेहनत मज़दूरी कर के मैं,  
इज़्ज़त की रोटी खा रहा हूँ ।  
मंदिर, मस्जिद और गुरुद्वारे,  
कितने ही स्कूल बना रहा हूँ ।  
मेहनत - मज़दूरी कर के मैं,  
अपने बच्चों को पढ़ा रहा हूँ ।  
यूँ तो सुना है यारो,  
देश तरक्की कर रहा है,  
अगर ऐसा है तो,  
मज़दूर भूखे पेट क्यों मर रहा है ।  
---लावन्या श्रीवास्तव, आठवीं-सी





## मज़दूर की आत्मकथा



**मैं** एक मजदूर हूँ । एक गरीब व्यक्ति जिसका कोई भविष्य नहीं होता । मेरा बचपन भी पैसों के अभाव में गुज़रा और अब परिवार और बच्चों की जिम्मेदारियों का बोझ उठाते-उठाते अंदर ही अंदर घुटता जा रहा हूँ । मैंने ना ही कभी जीवन के सुख को भोगा और ना ही कभी उसके बारे में सोच सकता हूँ । मेरा कोई धर्म नहीं है । केवल मेहनत व मज़दूरी ही मेरा धर्म है । मौसम का मुझ पर कोई असर नहीं होता । चाहे सर्दी हो या गर्मी या बरसात मैं बस निरंतर कार्य करता रहता हूँ ।

मैं कभी विद्यालय नहीं गया व मेरे माता-पिता भी अनपढ़ थे । मेरा बचपन चाँदनी रात में आकाश के नीचे जमीन पर सोते हुए गुज़रा, मैं कभी बिस्तर पर नहीं सोया । मेरी अवस्था पशु से भी बुरी है । मुझे दुत्कार कर काम लिया जाता है । न जाने कितनी बार काम करने के बाद पैसे भी नहीं मिलते मैं जब बीमार होने के कारण काम पर नहीं जाता तब मेरे परिवार को भूखा सोना पड़ता है । मैं घर बनाता हूँ, इमारतें बनाता हूँ पर मेरे बनाए घरों और इमारतों में स्वयं नहीं रह पाता । मैं भगवान से बस यह ही चाहता हूँ कि मेरे बच्चे स्वच्छ वातावरण में रहें, स्कूल जाएँ और साफ़ कपड़े पहने । वे जब बीमार हो तो उनका इलाज हो और मेरे पास उनके इलाज के पैसे हों । मेरे बच्चे कभी मेरी तरह मज़दूरी न करें और वह इज्जत की ज़िंदगी जी सकें । वह पेट भरकर खा सकें ।

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**मैं** गोपाल एक मजदूर हूँ जो अपनी आत्मकथा लिख रहा हूँ । मैं एक गाँव खुड़कपुर का रहने वाला हूँ । मैं मज़दूर हूँ और मज़दूरी करना ही मेरा धर्म है । मैं गरीब के घर में पैदा हुआ और अभावों के पल और अपनी किस्मत से लड़ता मज़दूरी कर रहा हूँ । मेरा न तो कोई भविष्य है न बचपन और न ही जवानी । मैं कभी बिस्तर पर नहीं सोया । मैं मिट्टी में लेटा और बड़ा हुआ हूँ । मैं कभी विद्यालय नहीं गया अतः मैं अँगूठा छाप हूँ । मज़दूर का कोई नाम नहीं होता । मौसम का हम मज़दूरों पर कोई असर नहीं होता । सर्दी, गर्मी हो या बरसात, हम काम में लगे रहते हैं । इमारतें बनाते हैं । आकाश के नीचे खुले में सोते हैं । हमारा शोषण किया जाता है । कभी काम के पैसे मिलते हैं तो कभी नहीं । हम भी चाहते हैं कि हमारे बच्चे स्वच्छ वातावरण में रहें । स्कूल जाएँ और साफ़ कपड़े पहने परंतु हम अपने बच्चों का यह सुविधाएँ नहीं दे पाते । यह थी एक मज़दूर अर्थात् मेरी आत्मकथा ।

---श्रेया चौधरी, आठवीं-बी





## आधी छुट्टी में नलों का दृश्य

आधी छुट्टी में नलों का हाल तो बेहाल होता है क्योंकि सारे छात्र और छात्राएँ अपनी स्वतंत्रता से हलके मन के साथ सबसे पहले नलों की तरफ़ अग्रसर होते हैं। स्कूल की सारी चिंताएँ दो मिनट के लिए भुलाकर दोस्तों के साथ थोड़ा समय बिताते हैं। बेचारे नलों की हालत तो खराब हो जाती है। पिछले वाले ने नल का प्रयोग किया ही नहीं कि दूसरा फिर नल को चालू कर देता है।



पूरे दिन की सारी भड़ास मानों यहीं निकलती है। कुछ तो वहीं पूरा समय व्यतीत करना चाहते हैं। भीड़ तो इतनी होती है कि

नल तक पहुँचने के लिए कड़ा संघर्ष और समय की आवश्यकता होती है। इसलिए सभी सबसे पहले नलों की तरफ़ भागते हैं। कुछ अपनी बोतलें भरते हैं, कुछ हाथ धोते हैं तो कुछ वहीं से पानी पीते हैं।

---अंश, आठवीं-बी

## मेरी प्यारी - प्यारी माँ

मेरी प्यारी प्यारी माँ  
धूप लगे बन जाए छाँव,  
सरदी आकर जब सताए  
गरम शॉल ओढ़ाती माँ।

भूख लगे पकवान बनाए  
छोटे कौर खिलाती माँ  
ममता की मूरत है लगती  
मेरी तो भगवान है माँ।

थोड़ी-सी बीमार लगूँ तो  
डॉक्टर को बुलाती माँ  
वैद्य हकीमों को दिखलाती  
तनिक न देर लगाती माँ।



बिस्तर गीला जब हो जाए,  
सूखे में वे मुझे सुलाए  
टुकुर-टुकुर मैं उसको देखूँ  
गीले में खुद सो जाती माँ।

माँ से अलग कभी न करना  
हर बच्चे की होती है माँ,  
ऐसी अद्भुत है मेरी प्यारी माँ,  
मेरी प्यारी - प्यारी माँ।

---दृष्टी खत्री, नवीं-सी





## शिक्षा का महत्त्व

भरा हुआ था अंधकार जहाँ,  
वहाँ जला शिक्षा का दिया ।  
दूर हुआ अंधकार वहाँ से,  
हुआ उजाला एक नई ज़िंदगी का ॥

जिसपर सारी दुनिया कायम,  
शिक्षा का महत्त्व बढ़ा,  
पा लिया जिसने इसे,  
समझो वह कामयाब हुआ ॥

शिक्षा ज्ञान की ऊर्जा है,  
पाना हमारा कर्तव्य  
शिक्षा में इतना बल है जो करे,  
नामुमकिन को मुमकिन  
और असफल को सफल

जो शिक्षा को अपनाएगा,  
वो जग में सम्मान पाएगा,  
समझ लिया अगर महत्त्व इसका,  
वो जग में नाम कमाएगा ॥

भरी पड़ी है दुनिया सारी,  
अज्ञान के अंधकार में ।  
दूर करो अंधियारा अब,  
इस शिक्षा रुपी हथियार से ॥  
---सृष्टि रॉय, नवी-बी

## गंगा की आत्मकथा

ज़रा सोचो अगर कभी, लिखना होगा तो  
क्या लिखेगी एक नदी अपनी आत्मकथा ?  
दर्ज करेगी जंगल पर्वतों से, अपना संवाद,  
पक्षियों की बोलियाँ, दो तटों के बीच,  
चुपचाप बहने और समुद्र में,  
मिल जाने की यात्रा ।

चट्टानों को तोड़ने का,  
संघर्ष तो उसमें होगा ही ।  
मिट्टी को उपजाऊ बनाने का,  
श्रेय भी ले लेना चाहेगी  
क्या पता किसी कालखंड  
को रचने या सभ्यताओं को  
सींचने का अपनत्व भी दिखाए ।  
उफ़नती धाराओं से, गाँवों को  
उजाड़ना सही ठहराए  
अपने सौंदर्य पे इतराएँ और  
सागर को अपना बिस्तर बताए ।

संभावना यह भी है कि नदी का  
व्यक्तित्व भरा हो,

संवेदनाओं और लबालब, भावनाओं से  
और लहरे गिनने की बजाय,  
प्रेमी प्रेमिकाओं के खंडित सपनों  
के प्रतिबिंब उसमें नज़र आए ।

यह भी मुमकिन है,  
कि इस तरह उसे मूक  
गवाही देनी रास न आए  
आत्मकथा लिखना छोड़ कर,  
वो संदेश भिजवाए  
और बहने से साफ़ मुकर जाए ।

---लावण्या गुप्ता, नवी-ए



# OUR PREPARATORY WING



# Hindi Patriotic Song Competition



**Students of KG A presenting, Nanha Munha Rahi Hun**



**Students of KG B presenting, Bharat Mera Pyara Desh**



**Students of KG C presenting, Hum Rahi Hain, Hum Saathi Hain**



**Students of KG D presenting, Kadam Kadam Badhaye Jaa**



# Hindi Patriotic Song Competition



Students of Nursery A, melodiously singing Hum Honge Kamiab

Students of Nursery B, singing Saare Jahan se achha



Students of Nursery C, presenting Hum Chotey Chotey Bacche Hain



Students of Nursery D, presenting Chhodo Kal Ki Baatein





# Christmas Celebration



*Dancing Delights*



*Good News for the Shepherds*



*'Meaning Of Christmas'*



*The Nativity Scene*



*Performing Stars*



*The Humble Manger*



*Three Wise Men*



*'Song Of Heaven'*



# Celebrating the Colours of Life

## Orange Colour Day: KG A



Orange Bloom



Orange colour informers



Vice Principal Ma'am's interaction with students

## Pink Colour Day: KG B



Pink wonder



Song on pink colour



Headmistress Ma'am interacts with students

## White Colour Day: KG C



Class KG C



Facts about white colour

## Purple Colour Day: KG D



A few lines on purple colour



Purple facts



Rhyme on purple



# ENGLISH CONVERSATION DAY



Getting to know each other



Greeting my friend

## HEALTHY FOOD WEEK



About Healthy Food



Eat right to live right



You are what you eat

## Guru Nanak Jayanti



Few lines on Guru Nanak Jayanti



Remembering the Preachings  
On Guru Purab



# English Group Recitation: KG





# ENVIRONMENT WEEK



Planting with love and care



Watering the Sapling



Tree Plantation by the Nursery students



Planting a sapling



# EID ASSEMBLY





# Dussehra Assembly



Enacting the story of Dussehra



Teachers on stage

## REPUBLIC DAY



A Tribute to our Leaders



Speech on Republic Day



Let's Salute our Nation



Soaked in Patriotism



# Teacher's Day



Welcoming Headmistress ma'am



Headmistress ma'am addressing the students



Meaning of the word 'Teacher'



Expressing gratitude for teachers



Action song in progress



Dancing to a foot-tapping number



# Grandparents' Day



**Principal Dr. Mary Thomas addresses the Grandparents**



**Our dear Grandparents applaud the efforts of tiny**



**An Enactment by KG C**



**Splendid performance by Nursery D**



**Deep in thoughts - Grand Mothers compete to win**



**Participation by the Grandfathers**



# Grandparents' Day



**Action Song by Nursery C, enthralled one and all**



**Bharatnatyam by Nursery A, ignites the Cultural Spirit**



**Little Angels of KG A, present an Action Song**



**Nursery B at their best**



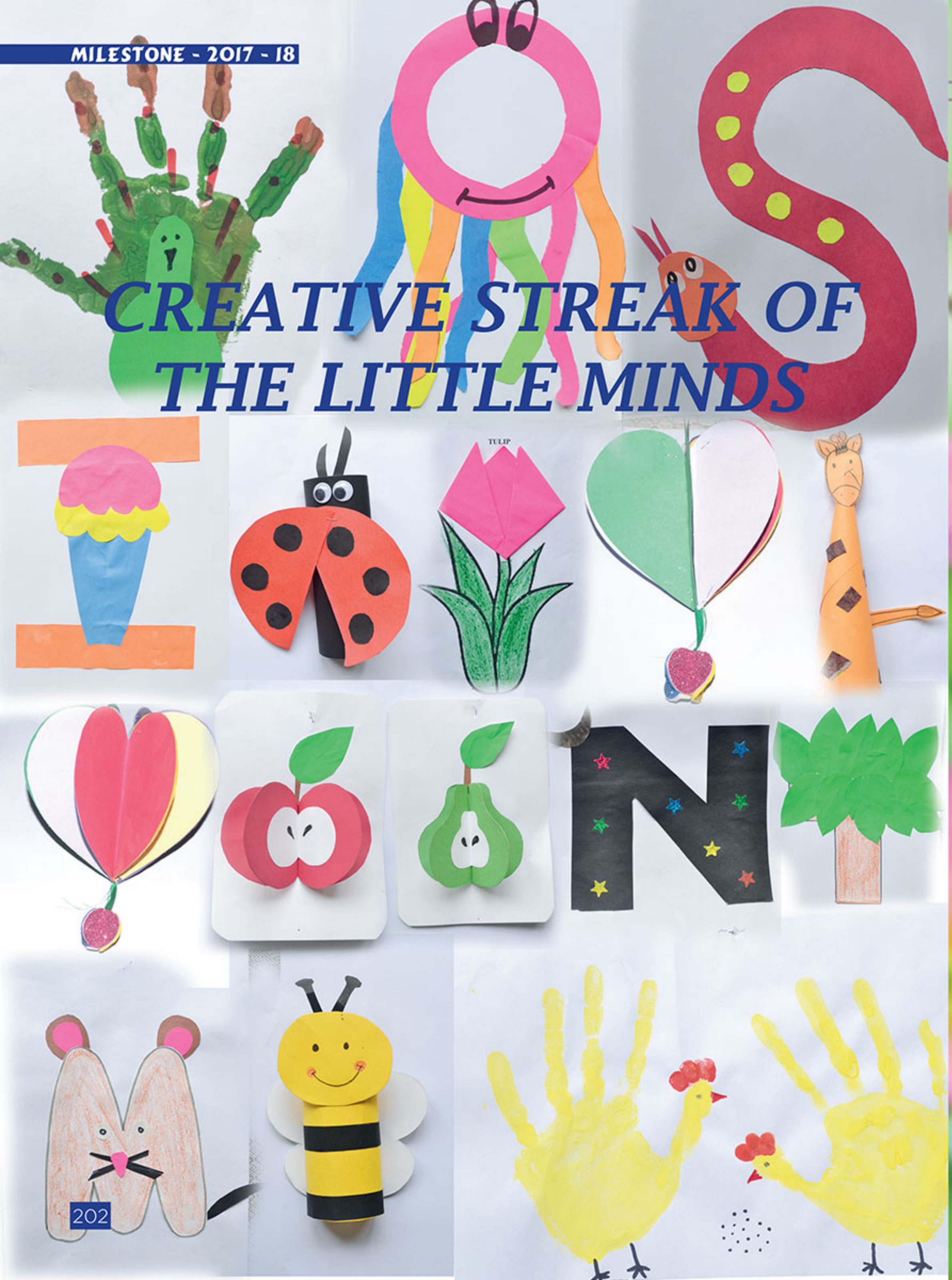
**Mesmerising performance by KG B**



**Hindi Song by KG D**



# CREATIVE STREAK OF THE LITTLE MINDS





# FAREWELL



Farewell to Mr. S. Kannan, PGT Commerce



Farewell to Mrs. Manju Mishra, PGT Chemistry



With our best wishes



With the Science Department



With Vice Principal & Headmistress



# *Workshop for Students*



Workshop on Career Counselling conducted by  
Mr Rahul Kumar Singh - Bennett University



Workshop on Career Counselling by Aakash Institute



Workshop on Career Counselling by Dr. Rajiv Gupta



Workshop on Child Safety and Security



Workshop on Group Discussion - Organised by  
HT Pace, Conducted by Mr. Nitish



Workshop on Merchant Navy as a career option by  
Anglo Ship Management



Workshop on Cyber Security and Safety  
by Mr. Rakshit Tandon



Workshop on Career Counselling by  
Mr. Govind



## गंगा की आत्मकथा

नदियों के जल जब निर्मल होंगे,  
गंगा जल अमृत बन जाएगा ।

जन-जन में जब आस जगेगी,  
गंदगी न कोई फैलाएगा ।

मुर्दाघाट जब अलग बनेगा,  
कोई लाश नहीं बहाएगा ।

स्नान हेतु लोग आया करेंगे,  
कर के स्नान चले जाएंगे ।

फिर दूषित न हो पाएगा,  
सब जल में दीप जलाएंगे ।

हर-हर गंगा लोग कहेंगे,  
फिर वह मौसम आएगा ।  
---तान्या सिंह, नवी-बी

मैं नदी हूँ, गंगा हूँ मैं  
अब कुछ नहीं मैं लूँगी  
बस एक प्रश्न उछालूँगी  
सूख गए अगर कंठ मेरे तो  
बन्द बोतल नीर का पता  
किससे मैं पूँछ लूँगी ।

कितनी लाशों के ढेर को  
कब तक मैं सम्भालूँ,  
और क्यों ?

अधमरी तो हूँ मैं सालों-साल से  
उम्मीद मुझमें है सालों-साल से  
उम्मीद बाँधती है, नहीं इस चाल से  
सुन मेरी लो, नहीं और कुछ लूँगी ।

मैं नदी हूँ, गंगा हूँ मैं  
मैं बहती हूँ पर्वतों से, खेत से  
मैं बहती हूँ घाटियों के पेट से  
मैं बहूँगी नहीं सरकारी रेट से  
छोड़ दो मैं मुश्किलों से जूझ लूँगी ।

मैं नदी हूँ, गंगा हूँ मैं,  
अब भी सुध मेरी अगर न लगे तुम  
सत्य कहूँगी, मैं तो हो जाऊँगी गुम  
अब जरूरत है ना मेरी, बूझ लूँगी ।

मैं नदी हूँ, गंगा हूँ मैं,  
तन बहुत देखे मेरे भीगे हुए  
दिख सका न चेहरा मेरा भीगा हुआ  
मैं न रहूँ तो न रहेगी सभ्यता मेरी ।  
पूछ लो तुम अपने मन से, मैं बता दूँगी ।

मैं नदी हूँ,  
गंगा हूँ मैं ।  
---अपेक्षिता, नवी-ए





## गंगा की आत्मकथा

बहती रहती हूँ मैं और सबको जल देती हूँ मैं । बताओ मैं हूँ कौन ? मैं हूँ भारत की सबसे पवित्र नदी, गंगा । मेरी मंज़िल बहुत दूर है फिर भी मैं कभी नहीं थकती । जब मेरा जन्म पहाड़ों से हुआ तब मैं बहुत सुंदर और मनमोहक थी । मेरे जल के स्पर्श मात्र से सबके पाप धुल जाते थे । जब मैं गाँवों, शहरों और जंगलों से होकर गुज़रती हूँ तब मेरा पानी प्रदूषित हो जाता है । कुछ साल पहले मेरे आस-पास का दृश्य कुछ और ही था, सारे प्राणी मेरी रक्षा करते थे, कभी भी मुझे प्रदूषित नहीं करते थे । लेकिन आजकल के लोग बिना सोचे समझे मेरे अंदर इतने हानिकारक पदार्थ डालते हैं, जिनसे मेरी दशा अत्यधिक दयनीय हो गई है । मेरा यह कर्तव्य है कि मैं अपने जल से उन सभी प्राणियों को सुरक्षित रखूँ जो मेरे अंदर पलते हैं । लेकिन मनुष्यों ने मेरी दशा इतनी बुरी कर दी है, कि आज मेरे ही जल की वजह से मछलियों ओर पेड़-पौधों का जीवित रहना ही मुश्किल हो गया है । मेरी सुरक्षा के लिए भारत सरकार ने बहुत सारे कानून बनाए हैं लेकिन मात्र एक कागज़ पर दस्तखत कर देने से मेरा जल स्वच्छ कैसे हो सकता है ? जब तक लोगों में जागरूकता नहीं आएगी, तब तक मैं फिर से पहले की तरह पवित्र कैसे बन सकती हूँ ?

मैं आप सब से निवेदन करती हूँ, कि मुझे पहले जैसा बनाने में मदद कीजिए ।

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मेरा नाम गंगा है । मैं हिमालय की गोद से निकलती हूँ । जब मैं हिमालय में निकलती हूँ मेरा जल बहुत स्वच्छ होता है । मैं दूसरों के उपकार के लिए जीवित हूँ । मेरी कहानी बहुत पौराणिक है क्योंकि मेरा जन्म भागीरथ के कठिन

परिश्रम से हुआ था । मैं शिव जी की जटाओं से निकलती हूँ । लेकिन असल में मैं हिमालय की बर्फ के पिघलने के कारण बनती हूँ । मेरा बहाव बहुत तेज़ है । मेरा जल सिर्फ ऋषिकेश तक स्वच्छ रहता है और उसके बाद मेरे जल में नाजाने क्या-क्या मिला दिया जाता है । फूल, दिए, पत्ते, गंदगी और नाजाने क्या । पर असली प्रदूषण उसके बाद होता है । कारखानों का गंदा पानी, कूड़ा-कचरा, रसायन जो कारखानों से निकलता है, मेरे जल को दूषित कर जहरीला बना रहा है । मेरे पास खुद को साफ़ करने की क्षमता है लेकिन रसायन मेरे जल को दूषित कर जहरीला बना रहा है । इस कारण मैं खुद को साफ़ नहीं कर पा रही हूँ । पर कुछ भले लोग हैं जिन्होंने मुझे साफ़ करने की जिम्मेदारी ले रखी है । मैं भारत के लिए बहुत महत्वपूर्ण हूँ क्योंकि किसी भी पूजा में मेरा जल उपयोग होता है । लोग मेरे जल में नहा कर अपने सारे पाप धो लेते हैं । लोग मेरे जल को साफ़ करके पीते हैं । पहले मेरा जल अमृत समान था लेकिन अब यह जहर से कम नहीं है । मेरी इस लंबी यात्रा का अन्त बंगाल की खाड़ी में होता है ।

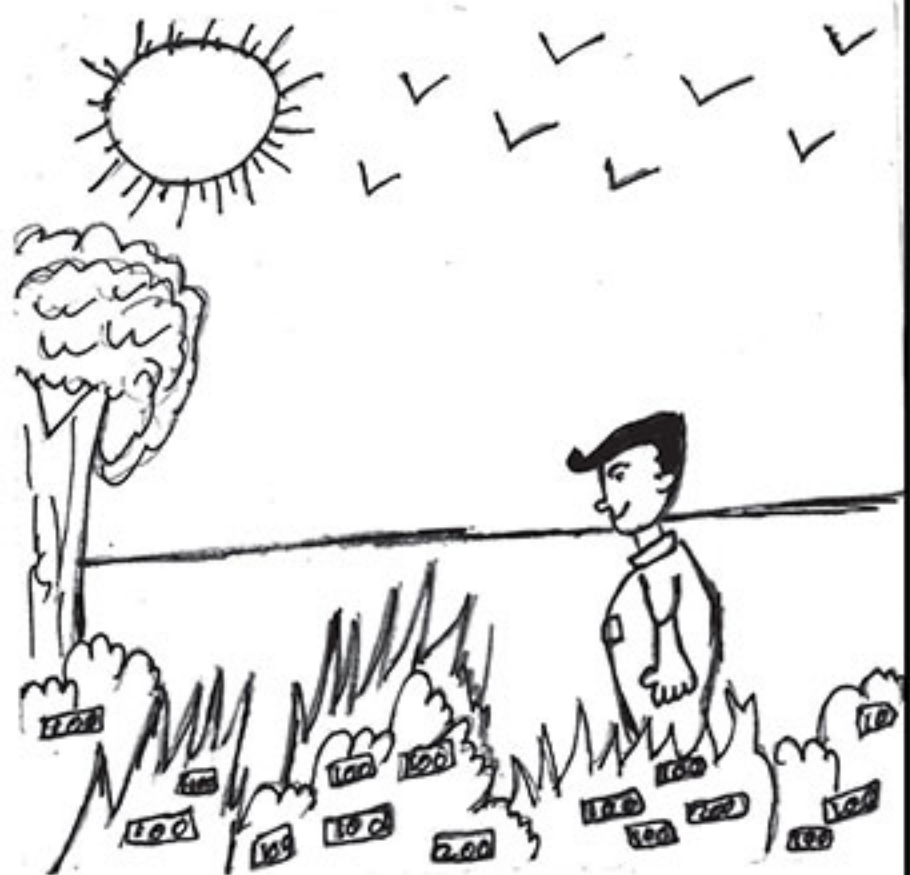
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## यदि सचमुच पैसे की फ़सलें उगने लगी तो

सुनने में तो यह बड़ा अच्छा लगता है कि यदि सचमुच पैसे की फ़सलें उगने लगी तो! पर इसका असर हमारी सोच से परे है। इस से पूरी मानव जाति खत्म होने की कगार पर आ जाएगी। इससे हर एक चीज़ पर असर पड़ेगा। किसान सब्जियों, फलों इत्यादि की फसल छोड़कर पैसे की ही फ़सल उगाने लगेंगे क्योंकि जिन सब्जियों को बेचकर वह पैसे कमाते हैं, वह पैसे तो उन्हें पहले ही मिल जाएंगे। सभी लोग अपने काम छोड़कर पैसे की फ़सल ही उगाने लगेंगे। जैसे कि सभी डॉक्टर अस्पताल छोड़कर पैसे की फसल उगाने लगेंगे जिससे कि बीमार लोगों का इलाज करने का कोई साधन न रहेगा और लोग मरने लगेंगे। और अगर सबके पास पैसा आ जाएगा तो लोग कोई काम ही नहीं करेंगे और यूँ ही व्यर्थ बैठे रहेंगे सारी फैक्टरियों में उत्पादन बन्द हो जाएगा। बच्चे स्कूल जाना छोड़ देंगे क्योंकि जब वह सीधा पैसा उगा सकते हैं तो पढ़-लिख के क्या बनना और जब कुछ खरीदने को ही नहीं रहेगा तो लोग पैसे का क्या करेंगे?

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यदि सचमुच पैसों की फ़सलें उगने लगती तो... यह एक कल्पना है। आज की दुनिया कल्पनाओं से भरी है। लोगों की अलग-अलग सोच, अलग-अलग विचारधारा है। लोग तरह-तरह की कल्पनाएँ करते हैं। ऐसी ही एक कल्पना है यदि सचमुच पैसों की फ़सलें उगने लगती तो....।

यदि सचमुच पैसों की फ़सलें उगने लगती तो धन-धान्य की परिपूर्णता हो जाती। हर राष्ट्र गरीबी मुक्त होता। दरिद्रता और भुखमरी मात्र शब्द बनकर रह जाते। कोई बच्चा रात में भूखा न सोता। न किसी माता-पिता को अपना पेट काटकर अपने परिवार का पालन-पोषण करना होता। हर बच्चा शिक्षित होता, किसी को अपना भविष्य बाल मज़दूर बनकर बर्बाद न करना होता। परंतु जिस प्रकार एक सिक्के के दो पहलू होते हैं, उसी प्रकार इस कल्पना की कई हानियाँ भी हैं।

अगर पैसों की फ़सलें उगने लगेंगी तो लोगों का लालच असीमित एवं अंतहीन हो जाएगा। दुनिया में भ्रष्टाचार का बोलबाला होगा। मार-काट, दंगे-फ़साद आम बात हो जाएगी। लोगों में अकर्मण्यता का भाव हो जाएगा। मेहनत करने से सब लोग कतराएँ और एक महत्त्वपूर्ण बात, संतोष जो कि मानव स्वभाव का एक अभिन्न अंग है, बस ऋषि-मुनियों के काल तक सीमित रह जाएगा।

इसलिए मेरे मत से इस कल्पना को अगर हम एक कल्पना ही रहने दें तो शायद भारत ज़्यादा तेज़ी से विकास करेगा।

---स्पृहा उपाध्याय, नवी-ब



## यदि सचमुच पैसे की फसलें उगने लगी तो

यदि सचमुच पैसे की फसलें उगने लगी तो कितनी अद्भुत होगी हमारी पृथ्वी । कल्पना कीजिए खेतों में अनाज की फसल की जगह पैसे की फसल । वाह ! कितना अद्भुत व आनंदमयी है, यह दृश्य । मुझे तो सोचने मात्र से ही अत्यंत प्रसन्नता का अनुभव हो रहा है । पैसे की फसल हमारे भारतवर्ष के किसानों के लिए कितनी लाभदायक होगी । किसान दुनिया के सबसे ज़्यादा अमीर व्यक्ति होंगे ।

जो लोग आज डॉक्टर, अध्यापक, इंजीनियर आदि बनने की चेष्टा करते हैं, वे लोग पैसे की फसल के लिए किसान बनने की चेष्टा करेंगे । किसान को भी हमारे समाज में उच्च दर्जा दिया जाएगा । जो लोग आज किसान व उसके कार्य को छोटा समझते हैं और उन्हीं के द्वारा उगाए अनाज की फसल को खाते हैं वही लोग पैसे की फसल के लिए किसान की पूजा करेंगे व अपनी आगामी पीढ़ी को किसान बनने की सलाह देंगे । वे किसानों की कथाएँ सुनाकर बच्चों को किसान बनने की प्रेरणा देंगे । यदि यह अकल्पनीय तथ्य सत्य होता तो मैं भी किसान बनने की राह पर अग्रसर होती । क्योंकि पैसा वह वस्तु है जो सबके मन में लोभ उत्पन्न कर देता है । परंतु पैसे की फसल की रक्षा करने के लिए खेतों में बाड़ लगानी होगी । सभी जगह महामारी फैल जाएगी । चोरी व डकैती की वारदातों में वृद्धि हो जाएगी और अनाज बहुमूल्य हो जाएगा । लेकिन पैसे की फसल सिर्फ एक कल्पना है जिसका सत्य होना असंभव है ।

यदि यह कल्पना सत्य होगी तो हमारी दुनिया का दृश्य बिलकुल अद्भुत होगा ।

---निशिता मानी, नवी-डी





## यदि सचमुच पैसे की फसलें उगने लगी तो

आज की दुनिया में पैसा एक बहुत बड़ी चीज़ है । हर इंसान पैसे के पीछे दौड़ रहा है । अनेक लोग रोज़-मर्रा की ज़िंदगी में बोलते हैं, “पैसे पेड़ पर नहीं उगते हैं” या फिर “पैसे का पेड़ नहीं होता जिसके ऊपर चढ़कर हम आपको पैसे तोड़कर दे दें” यह सिर्फ़ काल्पनिक बातें हैं और साथ ही साथ असंभव भी । परंतु यदि ये काल्पनिक और असंभव बातें संभव हो गईं तो यदि सचमुच पैसों की फसलें उगने लगीं तो तो चलिए, आज मैं आपको बताती हूँ कि यदि सचमुच पैसों की फसलें उगने लगीं तो क्या होगा । शुरुआत में तो सब लोग खुश हो जाएंगे और सभी गरीब लोगों के घर में खुशहाली आ जाएगी । दुनिया में कोई भी इंसान गरीब नहीं रहेगा । सभी के पास सभी प्रकार की सुख - सुविधाएँ होंगी, ये तो हुआ एक सकारात्मक पहलू । अब बात करते हैं नकारात्मक पहलुओं की । यदि सचमुच पैसों की फसलें उगने लगीं तो कोई

भी मनुष्य काम नहीं करेगा । सभी लोग अपने घर पर बैठे रहेंगे । यदि किसी के घर का राशन खत्म हो जाता है और वह दुकान जाता है तो कोई भी दुकान खुली नहीं होगी क्योंकि अब उन्हें दुकान खोलने की ज़रूरत ही नहीं है । वह लोग दुकान इसलिए खोलते थे क्योंकि उन्हें आजीविका के लिए पैसों की आवश्यकता होती थी । परंतु अब जब भी उन्हें पैसों की आवश्यकता होगी, तो वे पैसों की फसल से तोड़ लेंगे और इसी तरह लोग भुखमरी के शिकार हो जाएंगे । कुछ लोग इन पैसों का प्रयोग आतंकवाद को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भी कर सकते हैं । इसलिए यदि सचमुच पैसों की फसलें उगने लगीं तो गरीबों का भला तो होगा परंतु देश का विकास रुक जाएगा ।

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## जब अचानक नोटबंदी हो गई

जब अचानक नोटबंदी हो गई,  
साँसे अचानक उनकी मंद हो गई,  
जो काले धन का तकिया बना सो रहे थे,  
सरकार को घेरने के लिए तैयार हो गए ।

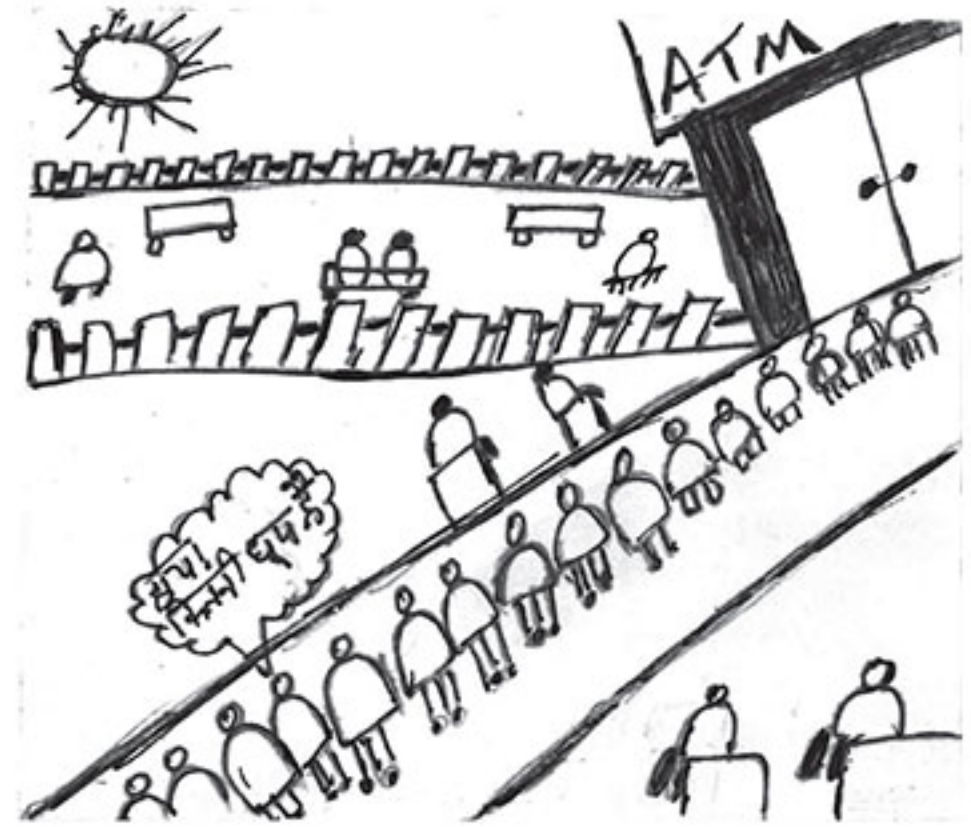
जो नेता एक दूसरे के थे दुश्मन,  
उनकी भी अब दोस्ती हो गई ।  
दुकानों पर लोगों की खरीददारी,  
अब कम हो गई ।

बैंकों के ए.टी.एम. पर कतारें लंबी हो गई,  
हमारे घरों में भी पैसों की तंगी हो गई ।  
मुद्दों पर चर्चा ठंडी हो गई,  
हजार, पाँच सौ से ज़्यादा कीमती ।  
सौ-पचास और दस-बीस के नोट हो गए ।

दोस्तों की संख्या थी ज़्यादा अब कम हो गई,  
मोदी जी के फैसलों पर चर्चा गरम हो गई,  
अखबारों के पन्नों की संख्या कम पड़ गई ।

जितनी भीड़ मेलों में,  
उससे कहीं अधिक भीड़ बैंकों में ।  
जितनी है चमक उन नोटों में,  
नहीं दिखती चाँद सितारों में ।  
नकदी की ऐसी आदत है,  
न जाने वाली चाहत है ।  
धन की है कमी बाजारों में,  
नकदी की प्यास हजारों में ।

नोटबंदी से कैश लेस इन्डिया हो गई,  
पेटीएम पर डिपेंड इन्डिया हो गई,  
अंत भला तो सब भला,  
जब इंद्र धनुष रंगों वाले,  
नोट आए बाजारों में ।  
तब जाकर सबकी समस्या हल हो गई  
---चारुवि सिंह, दसवीं-ए



मोदी जी के नोट बंदी ने,  
हाहाकार मचा दिया ।  
काला धन रखने वालों पर,  
करारा प्रहार कर दिया ।  
अचानक हुए ऐसे फैसले ने,  
सारे लोगों को हिला दिया ।  
पाँच सौ और हजार के नोट,  
रहते हुए भी कोई काम ना आ सका ।  
कागज का एक टुकड़ा हो गया,  
जो होकर भी पास, पास हो न सका ।  
कालाधन और आतंकवाद पर ज़ोर का वार है,  
मोदीजी आपका ये प्रयास लाजवाब है ।  
कालाधन रखने वालों की,  
नींद चैन सब होगी फुर्र  
अपने पास पड़े पैसों की  
सब कर रहे हैं दूर ।  
जिनके पास नहीं है पैसे  
वो चैन की नींद सो रहे हैं ।  
और जिनके पास पैसे हैं,  
वो अपनी नींद खो रहे हैं ।  
---यशिका, दसवीं-सी



## अचानक जब नोटबंदी हुई तो...

नवंबर की वो रात,  
 रहेगी सदैव सबको याद  
 अचानक, जब नोटबंदी हुई तो  
 मचा बवाल था इधर-उधर,  
 नोटों के इस अदल-बदल में  
 मच गया भारत वर्ष में कहर ।  
 नदियों में लाखों बह गए,  
 सोते-सोते सब जग गए  
 लोगों की नींदें उड़ गई,  
 छोड़ कर काम-काज सभी  
 बैंकों के आगे कतारें लग गई ।  
 सुबह चार से रात दस तक  
 इधर - उधर से खोज बीन कर  
 पाई - पाई जमा करी तब ।  
 नए नोटों से बदलवाकर  
 शादी-विवाह सभी टल गए,  
 काले धन सब मैल जैसे बह गए ।  
 मोदी जी के एक प्रयास ने  
 देश में नई लहर बना दी ।  
 आपके इस कदम के सामने  
 भ्रष्टाचार से हार मनवा ली ।  
 ---वैष्णवी, दसवीं-सी



अचानक हुई जब नोटबंदी  
 मच गया सारे देश के लोगों में हडकंप  
 हुआ न विश्वास ना किसी को यकीन  
 देश के प्रधानमंत्री का था ये कमाल  
 करना था काले-धन,  
 भ्रष्टाचारियों और आतंकवादियों को बेहाल...

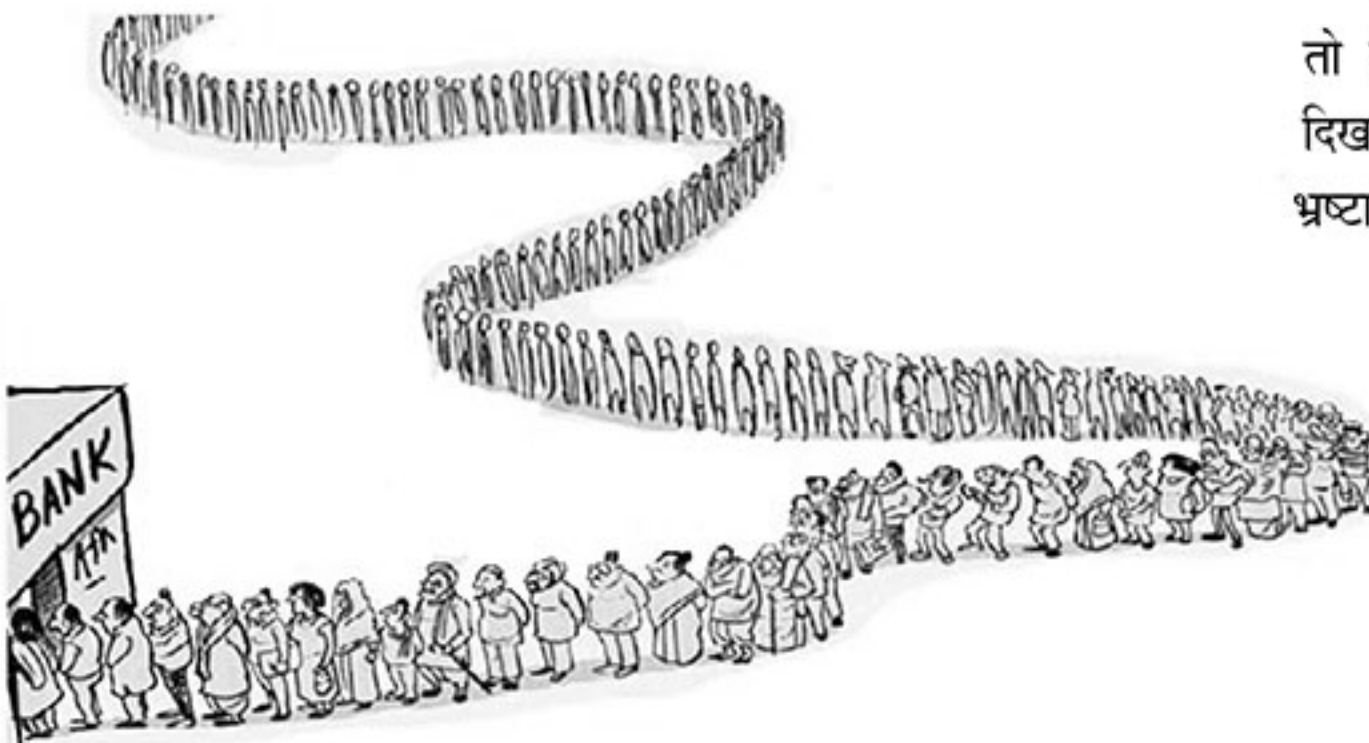
खुली तिज़ोरी में हुई नोटों की गिनती  
 लगी बैंको में लाइन  
 बढ़ी बेचैनी कालेधन वालों की,  
 जब रही न उनकी शान

कुछ लोगों का मुश्किल हो गया जीना  
 तब नवंबर की सर्द भरी रातों में भी  
 निकल रहा था उनका पसीना ।

था ये प्रधानमंत्री का कमाल  
 कि गरीबों का आया उनको ख्याल,  
 गरीबों के खातों में आने लगे पैसे,  
 और भ्रष्टाचारी सोचें हम कमाएँ कैसे ?

अगर होती न अचानक नोटबंदी  
 तो टूटती न भ्रष्टाचारियों की कमर,  
 दिखा दिया नोटबंदी ने अपना असर  
 भ्रष्टाचारियों को कर दिया बेअसर ।

लोगों ने जब सुना आ गया  
 नया गुलाबी २००० का नोट  
 पूरे देश में मच गई  
 उस नोट को लेने की होड़ ।  
 ---रिया सिन्हा, दसवीं-बी





## अचानक जब नोटबंदी हुई तो...

जब आठ नवंबर 2016 को प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने आठ बजे नोटबंदी की घोषणा की तो सारे भारत में भूकंप सा आ गया। कुछ लोगों को लगा कि प्रधानमंत्री भारत व पाकिस्तान के कड़वे होते रिश्ते के बारे में बोलेंगे या शायद दोनों देशों के बीच में युद्ध का ऐलान ही ना कर दें। लेकिन यह घोषणा तो कुछ लोगों के लिए युद्ध के ऐलान से भी घातक सिद्ध हुई। उनकी रातों की नींद उड़ गई। कुछ लोग तो होशोहवास खोते हुए ज्वैलर्स के पास दौड़े व उल्टे सीधे दामों में सोना खरीदने लगे।

अगले दिन से ही बैंक व एटीएम लोगों के जीवन का आधार बन गए। लाइनें दिनों-दिन भारत की बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या को दिखाने लगी। सरकार भी कभी लोगों को राहत देने के लिए व कभी काला धन जमा करने वालों के लिए नए-नए कानून बनाती दिखी। दूसरी तरफ सरकार अपनी निर्णय को सही साबित करने में लगी रही। अमीर रिश्तेदारों को अपने गरीब रिश्तेदारों के महत्त्व का एहसास होने लगा। अमीर बेटे को गरीब मां के बैंक अकाउंट की याद आई। जो अकाउंट पिता की मौत के बाद बंद हो चुका था अचानक वह फिर से चालू हो गया। ऐसा लगा मानों मानवता ज़िन्दा हो गई।

---पलक, दसवीं-बी





# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



A solitary moment spent by Maria



A presentation by the Von Trapp children for their father and the Baroness



A musical inception with Maria



An outing with the Von Trapp children



Captain Von Trapp gets annoyed



Captain Von Trapp and the Baroness: Ballroom Dance

## Annual Function: Middle School



# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Dancing to the tunes of traditional Austrian Folk Music



Do Re Mi....



Emotional moments shared by Captain Von Trapp and his Children



'A few of my favourite things'



Herr Zeller and his soldiers



Mother Superior in the Abbey



Narration by Avni & Rosemaria



To the tune of 'How to solve a problem like Maria....'

## Annual Function: Middle School



# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



The aura of children



Enchanting Choir



The Dignitaries present



The eventual parting



Austrian Villagers



A farewell song by Von Trapp family



Escape to freedom



Puppet Dance

## Annual Function: Middle School



# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



The visit of Baroness and Uncle Max



Von Trapp discloses the plan of escape



Von Trapp commits his life to Maria



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas expresses her gratitude



The Grand Finale

## Annual Function: Middle School



## *'Pariksha Par Charcha'* *Hon'ble Prime Minister's Interaction with Students of Schools*



Addressal by Our Honourable Prime Minister  
Shri. Narendra Modi



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas briefing the stu-  
dents before the Prime Minister's addressal



Students listen attentively to the experiences  
shared by the Prime Minister

With Board Examinations round the corner, Honourable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Damodaras Modi interacted with the students on examination stress. The interaction was held on 16th February 2018 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi wherein he interacted with the students present in the auditorium. Apart from the students present at the stadium, students around the country witnessed the interaction through a webcast.

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA had also made necessary arrangements for its students to view the live interaction. Prior to the interaction, our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas addressed the students and briefed them. Live Telecast of the interaction was held in the School's Inner Quadrangle from 11 am onwards. Principal, teachers and the students participated enthusiastically and were curious to know important tips on Examination Stress.

## *International Yoga Day*



International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June 2017 at Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA. The initiative of our Prime Minister is reinstated every year by the CBSE to inculcate a healthy lifestyle among the children at an early age. Students of our school participated with zeal in this community programme. It was a learning experience for our students and teachers of Greater NOIDA as they gathered on this day.



## Swachhta Pakhwada

Somerville School Greater NOIDA, organized, 'Swachhta Pakhwada' to bring about changes in behaviour and attitude through innovative activities so that the ultimate goals of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' could be achieved and sustained. Various activities were organized. Students took part in an oath ceremony and pledged to keep their surroundings clean. Principal, Dr Mary Thomas also spoke to the students about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. Rangoli Making and Painting Competition, on 'Cleanliness and Hygiene Practices' were conducted for classes VI to XII, wherein the students realised the importance of cleanliness and sanitation, as the role of schools has been instrumental in realising the mission of Swachh Bharat. The campaign was successful in sensitising students to keep their environment clean.



## Vigilance Awareness Week 2017

According to the instructions of the Central Vigilance Commission, Vigilance Awareness Week was observed, from 30th October to 4th November 2017, on the theme "My Vision - Corruption Free India" to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in public life. Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organised various activities during the Vigilance Awareness Week sensitizing the students on this issue. The following activities were conducted by the school :

- A pledge "Integrity against Corruption" was administered by students, teachers and other staff.
- The 'Run for Unity' was organised in the school premises for students from Classes VI to XII.
- Poster Making Activity was conducted to ensure the promotion of ethical values among the students.

The initiative achieved the target of making the students and teachers aware about the urgent need to make India corruption free.





## FIELD TRIP TO ART AND CRAFT MUSEUM

Somerville School ,Greater NOIDA organized an Educational Trip for the Fine Arts students of Class XII on 28th November 2017. The students visited different Art and Craft Museums in Delhi - Craft Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art , Jaipur House and National Museum of Indian History, Janpath as a part of enrichment programme. 30 students of Classes XII A, B, C and D were immensely benefited by this exposure.





# FANTASIA

## A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS TREAT



The most encouraging guiding - lights



Our quartet girls



Mansi Mahata delivers the vote of thanks



Our anchors for the show



Soloist - Kathrin Peter



Indian Music Choir



Western Music Choir



The ballerinas



## SOLOMON HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2017-18)

*"A child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him."*

- Pablo Casals



Mrs. Shivani Srivastava  
House Mistress

Just as the great Spanish Musician Pablo says, we at Somerville School Greater NOIDA also believe in the uniqueness of each child.

*Every child is not a thing to be moulded but a person to be unfolded.*

Utmost care of the tender hearts is taken to unfold the inner capabilities and latent talents in students through various extracurricular activities in a cordial environment.

The academic year 2017-18 brought about new challenges and new hopes along with it. The House excelled in almost all spheres and the students, with the support of their House teachers, put in their maximum effort in bringing glory to the House. There were times that brought smiles to our faces, there were times of disappointment too. But "victory is the sweetest, when you have known defeat."

- Our house opened its account of success with Inter House Spellathon for Classes VI to VIII and bagged the Third Position.
- Next was Hindi Debate in which children did extremely well. It was followed by English Debate where our children held the Second Position in group A category for Classes IX and X.
- In Inter House Rangoli Competition on "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", children grabbed the Third Position.
- Christmas was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm and children participated in Inter House Carol Singing Competition and won the Third Position in both Indian and Western Carol Singing.
- The year culminated with Inter House Indian Music Competition where our children did exceptionally well in Group - Instrumental Indian Music Competition and secured First Position. We also won Second Position in Solo-Instrumental category and First Position in Solo - Vocal category.
- Our students also achieved success in Inter House Volleyball and Basketball Matches won the First position in both the matches for Classes VI to IX.
- We had our ups and downs this year. Winning or losing never bothered us as our sole aim was to do our best.

*"Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying"*

- W. Clement Stone

I, therefore wish to congratulate the teams and the individuals who have brought glory to the House and those who could not make it, I would like to wish them all success in the coming year.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for entrusting me the responsibility of being a Housemistress for two successive years and it was my pleasure to work under her guidance and directions.

I also want to thank the activity teachers and all the teachers of Solomon House for their support and cooperation throughout the year.



# SOLOMON HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2017-18)

When I think of the session 2017-18, a flotilla of images come across my mind. I was honoured with the responsibility of being the House Mistress of Solomon House. I am grateful to our respected Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for the faith and confidence she reposed in me.

The year 2017-18 was a wonderful year for the students and teachers of Solomon House. The students participated enthusiastically in the events throughout the year. They learnt to work as a team and also won laurels for the House. These events instilled values of discipline, punctuality, tolerance, responsibility and leadership. We started with Inter House Dance Competition. The participating children, House mistress and the dance teacher put in their sincere efforts. It was followed by Inter House Spellathon Competition. The next awaited event was Inter House Western Music Competition in which each participant performed with great zeal under the guidance and training of Mr. Somirin and got the Third Position. Another event was the Inter House Western Dance Competition in which the children of Solomon house performed very well and bagged the Third position. Last but not the least was the Inter House Indian Music and Instrumental Competition and it especially helped the students to showcase the talent. I express my heartfelt gratitude to our Principal Ma'am, Headmistress Ma'am, Activity teachers and to all the teachers of Solomon House who were always there with me providing ideas, creative and full support to excel in all our endeavours.



Mrs. Anita Singh  
House Mistress



Inter House Carol Singing Indian Music - Third Position



Inter House Hindi Debate



Inter House Hindi Debate



Inter House - Indian music Group - First Position





Inter House Carol Singing Western Music - Third Position



Inter House English Debate - Fourth Position



Inter House Carol Singing Western Music - Third position



Inter House English Debate - Fourth position



Inter House Rangoli Competition-Third position



Inter House Spellathon Classes 6-8-Third position



Inter--House Spellathon Classes 9-11



Inter House-Indian music Solo-First Position





**Inter House Indian Music Competition Solo - Second Position**



**Inter House Spellathon Solomon House. - Third Position**



**Inter House Indian Music Group Competition - Third Position**



**Inter House Instrumental Competition - Third Position**



**Western Dance Competition - Third Position**



## DANIEL HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)

This was my second year as Daniel House Mistress and as I look back it gives me immense pleasure seeing the students achieve success in various fields. The almanac of this session was full of Inter House activities which definitely gave every child opportunity to learn and polish different skills.

Inter House Spellathon was the first house activity and our students prepared and participated enthusiastically in the event and secured third position in the senior category. This spelling competition did help them enhance their vocabulary and encouraged them to read more. An Inter House Hindi Debate Competition was held in the month of July where our speakers battled it out to win the third place. While our debators won the best speaker and best team award in the Inter House English Debate Competition. The debating session gave them an opportunity to elucidate their standpoint through rhetorical eloquence.

The artists of the House got a chance to exhibit their talent in the Inter House Rangoli Competition wherein their rangoli clearly brought out the message of 'Swachh Bharat'. Our young artists impressed the judges with their creativity and bagged the first position. It was time for our talented singers to ring in Christmas and New Year with melodious and soulful Carols as they enthusiastically participated in the Inter House Carol Singing Competition which was held in the third week of December. The choir bagged the second position in the competition. Patriotic fervour was well displayed in the patriotic songs sung by the Indian Music Choir to celebrate the spirit of Republic Day. The singers won a prize in every category -Solo, Instrumental and Group.

Our Sport stars kept our tally of marks going higher and higher by winning positions in various sports. The sports teachers mentored the students to excel in basketball, volleyball, football and athletics house spirit was evident in all the matches that were played.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for her expert guidance and support to us throughout the session.



Mrs. Nupur Srivastava  
House Mistress



Winner of English Debate with the Vice-Principal



## DANIEL HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)

It is with honor and pride that I became the House Mistress of Daniel House for the second time. I'm grateful to our respected Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for entrusting me with this responsibility.

We at Somerville School, Greater Noida believe that each student is unique and with careful nurturing and guidance, each of them can excel above and beyond. The House activities help them in developing a sense team spirit while strengthening their own character through participation.

The session began on a successful note as the students of Daniel House achieved the First position in the Patriotic Dance Competition. The students then went on to bag third positions in both Spellathon and Western Music Competition held in May. Western Dance Competition in August again saw the students of our House winning the trophy for the First position. Our melodious singers won the hearts of the judges and the audience and secured the First position for solo and Third position for group in the Indian Music Competition. Our host of budding musicians participated and secured the Third position in the Instrumental Competition.

I would like to express my genuine gratitude to all my colleagues and the students who made all the achievements possible for Daniel House. Also, I must mention Charu Ma'am and Saloni Ma'am for their unwavering and persistent support throughout the year.

As the House Mistress of Daniel House, I would like to think that not only have I improved my own potential but also helped in unlocking the potential that is inside all the students.

I wish all the best to Daniel House for the years to come. May we always strive for excellence.



Mrs. Suman Singh  
House Mistress



1<sup>st</sup> position in Patriotic Dance Competition held





Carol Singing - Western Music Choir



Hindi Debate



Inter House Spellathon



Indian Music Competition -theme patriotic song



Inter House Hindi Carol Singing Competition



Inter House Spellathon - Middle School



Rangoli Competition



Inter House Hindi Carol Singing





1st position in Western Dance Competition



1st position in Indian Music Competition- Solo



3rd position in Indian Music Competition- Group



1st position in the Western Dance Competition



3rd position in Indian Music Competition- Instrumental



3rd position in Inter House Spellathon Competition



## MOSES HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)



Mr. Abhishek Mani  
House Master

The philosopher in the Book of Ecclesiastes (Holy Bible ) chapter 5 :2 says that there is a time for everything under the sun, so it is appropriate to say that it is time to reminisce and reflect on the academic year gone by.

The year began with the Investiture Ceremony where the new House Captains, Sports Captains for boys and girls (both senior and junior ) were appointed and with the taking of the oath, they were all set to take the activities of the year headlong.

The Sports Captains were immediately put to test by the Inter House Volleyball Competition where the House secured 1st position in Boys and 2nd position in Girls category.

The spell champs of the House performed to the best of their ability in the Inter House Spellathon Competition where the House attained 2nd rank in the group of Class VI-VIII students and attained 1st rank in the group Class IX- XII.

After the summer break a spate of co curricular activities started like the Inter House Poster Making Competition which was conducted as part of the Arbour Day Celebrations where the House secured 2nd rank. The Inter House Rangoli Making Competition had the children expressing their understanding of the 'Swachh Bharat Campaign' using Rangoli colors and designs, in this competition the House stood 3rd.

The English Debate Competition put the debating skills of the House to test where the participants debated about –Our country needs more educators and not just policy makers; Laws are never respected nor enforced in India. Here the House gave a superlative performance and secured the first position.

Christmas season set everyone in the mood of caroling and what better way to celebrate than to have an Inter House Carol Singing Competition, the House Choir sang 'Mary Did You Know' While Aaj Iss Zameen Par (in the Western and Indian Music Category respectively). In a keenly fought competition, the House stood first in the Western Music Category and second in the Indian Music Category.

The onset of New year filled us with the joy of a new beginning, exactly the thoughts of the founders of our great nation when they adopted the constitution on the Republic Day. As part of the Republic Day celebrations an Inter House Indian and Instrumental Music Competition was held where we had the choir belting out Dharti Sunehri Ambar Neela, all the efforts bore fruit with the House achieving first rank both in group and solo category.

All in all it was a memorable year, where all the house members, teachers pitched in to make each activity a learning experience enriching the lives of the participants and adding to the skills of all involved. I must say the journey always becomes more interesting than the destination and I believe all Moses House members will continue the journey towards enrichment and growth as the Almighty has ordained for us.



## MOSES HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)

‘Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.’

The House system aims to give students an identity and sense of pride in a supportive, secure environment.

The year 2017-2018 saw the House competing in a number of academic and cultural activities. It gave students the opportunity to participate in various activities with the aim of raising self-esteem, developing self-confidence and giving opportunities for leadership and teamwork.

The journey started with Inter House, Indian Dance Competition in which Moses House stood Second. Moses House went on to add another feather in their cap in the Inter House Spellathon Competition by securing the First Position. Moses House strived for yet another feather and they went on to win the Inter House Western Music Competition in the Solo and in the Group category they stood First. In the Inter House Western Dance Competition Moses House stood Second. In the Inter House Indian Music Competition, Solo category, we stood Second and in the Group category we stood First, in Indian Music (Instrumental) Competition we were proud to be in the Second position.

I hope in the years to come Moses House continues to strive for success.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for giving me this opportunity which was a real learning experience and helped me in my growth as an individual and as a teacher.



Mrs. Sunita Bandopadhyaya  
House Mistress



Moses House stood second in Inter House Indian Dance Competition



Moses House stood first in Inter House Spellathon





Carol Singing



English Debate



Indian Music Group



Indian Music Individual



Spellathon - Seniors



Spellathon - Juniors



Indian Music Instrumental



Rangoli Competition





Shaurya Elijah Nanda ( Solo Category ) of Moses House stood first in Inter House Western Music Competition



Moses house stood first in Inter House Western Music Competition



Moses House stood second in Inter House Western Dance Competition



Nandini Awana of Moses House (Solo Category) stood second in Inter House Indian Music Competition



Moses House Stood First In Inter House Indian Music Competition



Moses House stood second in Inter House Instrumental Music Competition



## DAVID HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)

“A quitter never wins-and-a winner never quits.” - this is what I conveyed to the students of David House before they embarked on their journey of participating in various competitions this year. All I intended to inculcate in my students was, a sense of sportsmanship along with the sensibility to learn how to make it through with the team and as a team.



Mrs. Arti Saxena  
House Mistress

Winning is not always about coming first; it is about the amount of effort you put into something, the struggle to give your best, with the spirit of optimism. Winning is about never giving up. The students of David House performed on the same line of thought and proved their valour in the following events, keeping up with the prestige of their house name.

The session of 2017-18 came up with the best average so far. The vibrant colours of rangoli bestowed its positivity of my students as they stood second in the competition followed by the first prize for VI-VIII classes along with second for IX-XII, in the most audacious word game, Spellathon. Adding feather to the cap in the realm of powerplay of words was the Debate Competition which was won by David house in Hindi category wherein, we were still in the game by acquiring the third position in the English category too. Sportsmanship talk showed its true consequence in the Volleyball game where the girls overshadowed boys by standing in the first position with pride and the boys stood second with promises of performing better next time. However, boys restored their share of glory by coming first in Basketball and girls came second. In Instrumental Music we bagged the third position

The students of David House performed to the best of their capabilities which makes me proud as their House mistress for I succeeded in getting as many participations as I could, with splendid results.



David House Carol Singing First Position



David House Hindi Debate - First Position



## DAVID HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2017-2018)

I am filled with immense joy and feel extremely honoured as I pen down the events of the year 2017 – 18. The year started on a challenging note with the great responsibility endowed on me by our respected Principal Ma'am Dr. Mary Thomas. The task of channelizing the energies of our young enthusiasts and motivating them towards the path of bringing laurels to their House in various competitions was an endearing one but enjoyable at the same time.



The yearly calendar of activities started with Inter House Indian Dance Competition, in which our students secured 3rd position. The students further made their House proud by securing 2nd position in the Inter House Spellathon Competition. Students performed extremely well and secured overall 2nd Position in Inter House Western Music Competition. They spread the message of peace & harmony altogether by performing exceptionally, to the tunes of various musical instruments and bagged 1st position in Inter House Indian & Instrumental Music Competition, both in the group category and instrumental category.

Before signing off I would like to express my gratitude towards all the teachers and students of David House for keeping up their spirits high and striving for success. I have learnt a lot through this experience of being a House Mistress and shall look forward to more such opportunities!!



Third in Inter House Indian Dance Competition



First in Inter House Spellathon





David House Indian Music - Third Position



David House Inter House Spellathon - First Position



David House Inter House  
Spellathon IX-XII - Second Position



David House Rangoli Competition - Second Position



David House Indian Music Instrumental - Third Position





Anvita Singh Danu ( Solo Category ) second in Inter House Western Music Competition



Second in Inter House Western Music Competition



Sirjan Kaur Bhinder ( Solo Category ) stood third in Inter House Indian Music Competition



First in Inter House Instrumental Competition



First in Inter House Indian Music Competition



## क्रोध : सबसे बड़ा शत्रु

आज की भागदौड़ से भरी जिंदगी में मानव को भले ही कुछ ना मिला हो या मिला हो लेकिन उसे क्रोधी अवश्य बना दिया है। क्रोध का मनोविज्ञान जानने से पूर्व शारीरिक विज्ञान जानने के लिए उसकी प्रक्रिया को समझना आवश्यक है। क्रोधित अवस्था में मनुष्य विचलित हो जाता है। उसके शरीर की सारी मासपेशियाँ प्रभावित होकर तन जाती है माथे पर बल छा जाता है और वह असामान्य सा हो जाता है।

मनोचिकित्सकों का मानना है कि क्रोध एक प्रतिक्रिया है जिसका संबंध मानव शरीर के लिए कष्टकारी है। चिकित्सकों का कथन है कि क्रोध पर विजय पाई जा सकती है। आयुर्वेद में क्रोध को कम करने का एक सरल

उपाय है एक गिलास ठंडा पानी इससे उसके मस्तिष्क में छाई गर्मी शान्त हो जाती है और स्वाभाव नरम हो जाता है। क्रोध करने का हमारे ऊपर बहुत बुरा असर होता है सिर्फ अपना मन ही नहीं बल्कि जिनपर हम क्रोधित होते हैं उन्हें भी बहुत दुख होता है। क्रोध से अपने आप को ही पछतावा होता है। क्रोध को दूर रखें और अपना ध्यान समाज व अच्छे कार्यों में लगाएँ जिससे अपना मन भी शांत रहेगा और हम दूसरों के मन में अपनी छवि भी बना पाएँगे।

---मानसी गर्ग, दसवीं-बी



अक्सर दूसरे व्यक्ति के कारण या उसके व्यवहार व क्रियाकलापों के कारण ही क्रोध का जन्म होता है।

कई बार हम लोग गुस्से में कुछ ऐसा कार्य कर बैठते हैं जो कि बाद में हमें बहुत मंहंगा पड़ जाता है या हमको बाद में पछताना पड़ जाता है। गुस्सा या क्रोध हर किसी व्यक्ति को आता है फिर चाहे वह छोटा हो या बड़ा। लेकिन हम सब जानते हैं कि गुस्से से व्यक्ति को नुकसान होता है। गुस्से या क्रोध में व्यक्ति अपनी सुध-बुध खो बैठता है। मनुष्य की सारी इंद्रियाँ उसके काबू से बाहर हो जाती हैं। वह कुछ भी कर बैठता है और बाद में अपने किए हुए कार्य पर पछताता है।

व्यक्ति को जब जुनून चढ़ जाता है वह अपना मानसिक शारीरिक और भौतिक बल भूल जाता है और अपने बस में नहीं रह पाता। जुनून में व्यक्ति किसी की बात या अवहेलना स्वीकार नहीं करता है। कई बार क्रोध मनुष्य की जान का खतरा या उसकी सबसे बड़ी भूल का कारण बन जाता है।

---अंजली यादव, दसवीं-बी



## संस्कृत विभाग : वार्षिक रिपोर्ट

संस्कृत विश्व की सबसे प्राचीन, विशुद्ध वैज्ञानिक व तर्कसंगत भाषा है। यह भाषाओं की जननी है। इसका साहित्य विशाल, विस्तृत, गहन और समृद्ध है। संस्कृत केवल एक भाषा ही नहीं अपितु एक विचार है, एक संस्कृति है, एक संस्कार है जो मानव को शांति, सहयोग, वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् आदि मानवीय गुणों को सिखाती है। देश की एकता के लिए संस्कृत भाषा वस्तुतः साधक है। भारत की आत्मा संस्कृत में निहित है। यह भाषा हमें जीवन जीने की कला सिखाती है। संस्कृत भाषा हमारी संस्कृति का प्रतीक है। प्राचीन भारतीय संस्कृति को अक्षुण्ण बनाये रखने के लिए संस्कृत भाषा का ज्ञान परम अनिवार्य है। कहा भी गया है - संस्कृतिः संस्कृतमाश्रिता।

संस्कृत भाषा को सरल, सुगम व रुचिकर बनाने के लिए यह आवश्यक है कि संस्कृत शिक्षण में करके सीखने पर अधिक बल दिया जाए। छात्र उस ज्ञान को केवल रटकर न प्राप्त करें बल्कि संस्कृत वाचन, भाषण व लेखन में सक्षम होने के साथ साथ उसमें निहित मूल्यों को अपने जीवन में आत्मसात भी कर सकें यही संस्कृत अध्ययन - अध्यापन का लक्ष्य होना चाहिए। सत्य ही कहा गया है -

आचार्यात् पादम् आदत्ते पादं शिष्यं स्वमेधया।

कालेन पादम् आदत्ते पादं सब्रह्मचारिभिः॥

शिष्य अपने ज्ञान का चतुर्थांश अपने आचार्य से प्राप्त करता है, अपनी बुद्धि से उस ज्ञान को द्विगुणित करता है। अनुभव इस ज्ञान को त्रिगुणित कर देता है और सहपाठियों के प्रभाव से यह चतुर्गुणित हो जाता है।

इसी उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रतिवर्ष की तरह इस वर्ष भी बच्चों के वाक् कौशल, अभिव्यक्ति कौशल, लेखन कौशल, बौद्धिक कौशल, वैचारिक कौशल एवं कल्पना शक्ति के विकास हेतु संस्कृत विभाग के द्वारा अनेक गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया जहाँ श्लोकोच्चारण ने छात्रों के वाक् कौशल को अधिक आत्मविश्वासपूर्ण बनाया तो विषयाभिव्यक्ति ने विषय पर आधारित वाक्यों का निर्माण एवं प्रस्तुतीकरण ने वाचन एवं भाषागत कौशल को अधिक निखारा और सँवारा।

भित्ति पत्रिका आदि गतिविधियों में छात्रों को अलग-अलग विषयों पर चित्र सहित संक्षिप्त विवरण प्रस्तुत करने के लिए कहा गया जिससे उनकी खोजी प्रवृत्ति, सामान्य ज्ञान में वृद्धि, समूह में कार्य करने की क्षमता में वृद्धि के साथ-साथ विभिन्न विषयों पर अपनी शैली में लेखन व प्रस्तुतीकरण से छात्रों को नया दृष्टिकोण मिला।

समय - समय पर आयोजित विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं के द्वारा जहाँ छात्र संस्कृत विषय के प्रति प्रेरित हुए। वहीं दूसरी ओर अन्तर्विद्यालयी प्रतियोगिताओं में विभिन्न पुरस्कारों को प्राप्त कर छात्रों का उत्साहवर्धन भी हुआ।

इन गतिविधियों का उद्देश्य छात्रों में संस्कृत विषय के प्रति सम्मान, आस्था, रुचि को बढ़ाना एवम् अच्छे संस्कारों को विकसित करना है। वाचन, समझना, पठन और लेखन भाषा के प्रमुख कौशल होते हैं इन गतिविधियों के द्वारा छात्रों में इन सभी कौशलों का अधिकाधिक विकास करने में सफल हुए।

संस्कृत भाषा सुमधुर, सुरम्य और सुसंस्कृत है। संस्कृत भाषा उदीयमान भविष्य की महत्त्वपूर्ण धरोहर है। इसलिए इसके प्रचार व प्रसार के लिए निरंतर प्रयास की आवश्यकता है।

सत्यमेव उक्तम् -

सरला, सरसा संस्कृत वाणी,

जयति मंगला संस्कृत वाणी।

वेद हिमाद्रेश्चिर वहन्ती,

विमला गंगा कल्याणी॥



## हिन्दी विभाग : वार्षिक रिपोर्ट

भाषा मानव मन की भावनाओं के आदान प्रदान का माध्यम है । भाषा संसार के प्रत्येक मानव जाति को परस्पर जोड़ने का कार्य करती है । दूसरे अर्थों में हम कह सकते हैं कि भाषा है तो समाज है । समाज की संकल्पना का महल जिस बुनियाद पर खड़ा है वह बुनियाद भाषा है । भाषा किसी भी देश की परम्पराओं, उसकी सांस्कृतिक विरासत का दर्पण होती है । भाषा के माध्यम से ही हम अपने अतीत और वर्तमान को भविष्य के लिए संरक्षित रख सकते हैं । हमारा देश भारत, विभिन्न, जाति, धर्म, एवं संस्कृतियों देश है परन्तु इन सभी को एकता के सूत्र में बाँधने वाला कारक भारत की राष्ट्रभाषा हिन्दी है । हिन्दी भाषा की इस विशेषता को आगे बढ़ाते हेतु समरविल स्कूल ग्रेटर नौएडा के तत्वाधान में भी समय-समय पर विभिन्न प्रकार के कार्यक्रमों एवं प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया जाता है । जिसमें भाग लेकर छात्र अपनी भाषा संबंधी क्षमता को और अधिक दृढ़ता प्रदान करते हैं । इन प्रतियोगिताओं और एवं कार्यक्रमों के आयोजन का मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्रों में राष्ट्रभाषा के ज्ञान को और अधिक सहज और प्रगाढ़ बनाना है ।

**हिन्दी सुलेख प्रतियोगिता** - प्रत्येक वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी विद्यालय में सुलेख प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया । जिसका उद्देश्य छात्रों की लेखन संबंधी अशुद्धियों को दूर कर उनकी प्रतिभा को निखारना एवं वर्णों की सुंदर बनावट के महत्त्व को बताना । इस प्रतियोगिता में कक्षा 2 से 10 तक के प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया और प्रतियोगिता के उद्देश्य को पूरा कर कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाया ।

**हिन्दी रचनात्मक लेखन प्रतियोगिता** - छात्रों की रचनात्मकता एवं कल्पना को नई दिशा प्रदान हेतु कक्षा 2 से 10 तक के छात्रों के बीच इस प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया । इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेकर छात्रों ने अपने सहज ज्ञान और कल्पना को नई ऊँचाइयों प्रदान की और मज़बूती के साथ उनको मूर्त रूप दिया । इस प्रतियोगिता में सभी का प्रदर्शन सराहनीय रहा ।

**त्योहार** - भारत त्योहारों का देश है । यहाँ पर हर धर्म, जाति, ऋतु, मौसम, पर आधारित अनेक त्योहार मनाए जाते हैं । त्योहारों की इसी परम्परा से अवगत कराने हेतु विद्यालय में दशहरा, दीपावली, जन्माष्टमी, आदि पर विशेष प्रार्थना सभाओं का आयोजन किया गया और इन त्योहारों के मूल में छिपे नैतिक मूल्यों को गीत संगीत एवं लघु नाटिकाओं, नृत्यगान आदि के द्वारा प्रदर्शित किया गया । हिन्दी हमारी मातृभाषा है, इसलिए इस भाषा को जन-जन के हृदय में स्थान दिलाने का प्रयास करना होगा । क्योंकि यह भाषा ही हमारी उन्नति का आधार है - भारतेन्दु हरिश्चंद्र जी ने कहा है -

“निज भाषा उन्नति अहै, सब उन्नति को मूल ।

बिनु निज भाषा ज्ञान के, मिटे न हिय को शूल ॥”



## बच्चों में बढ़ते अवसाद के कारण और निवारण

बच्चों में तनाव को लेकर उनके अभिभावक बेहद भ्रामक स्थिति में होते हैं, उन्हें यह मानने में या तय करने में ही ज्यादा समय निकल जाता है कि हमारा बच्चा अवसादग्रस्त है अथवा नहीं और जब तक वह यह समझ पाते हैं तब तक परिस्थितियाँ उनके नियंत्रण से बाहर हो जाती हैं। बच्चों के अवसादग्रस्त होने का प्रमुख कारण हमारी महत्वाकांक्षाएँ उनसे बढ़ती अपेक्षाएँ हैं। बच्चों की यह समस्या हमारी और उनकी भावनाओं एवं सोच में अंतर का परिणाम है। जाने-अनजाने कहीं



न कहीं हम अपनी इच्छा, विचार और आशा जो हमारे अनुरूप भी नहीं होते, हमारे बच्चों के अंदर नकारात्मक, विरोधात्मक यहाँ तक कि आक्रामक विचार, व्यवहार को जन्म देते हैं जो चिंता का विषय है। सबसे महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न यह है कि क्या हमारी स्वयं की सोच भी हमारे व्यवहार के अनुरूप बनी है? अथवा व्यक्ति, परंपरा, विश्वास, मान्यता या समाज से उधार ली हुई सोच है क्योंकि हमारी सोच या व्यवहार उन पर उसी प्रकार दबाव या प्रभाव डालती है जैसा कभी हम पर थोपा गया हो। बच्चों की सोच में पनपते अवसाद के तीन प्रमुख आधार हैं, दबाव, अभाव या प्रभाव। हमारी सोच में समझ का अभाव, दबाव का प्रभाव भी हो सकता है। बच्चों की सोच जब, अभाव, दबाव या प्रभाव में सहज नहीं रह पाती तो बढ़ती हुई उम्र के साथ बच्चों का चिड़चिड़ाना, उखड़ जाना, उदास होना, चोट पहुँचाना तथा गुस्सा हो जाना आदि भावनाओं से होकर गुजरता है और जब यह भावना उनमें लंबी अवधि तक रह जाती है, तब यह भावनाएँ ही उनमें अवसाद का रूप धारण कर लेती हैं। बच्चों के भीतर अवसाद की स्थिति उत्पन्न होने के कुछ निम्नलिखित कारण हैं - इसका पहला और सबसे प्रमुख कारण प्रतिस्पर्धा की भावना है। आजकल के प्रतिस्पर्धी युग में बच्चों पर पढ़ाई-लिखाई करने और अन्य गतिविधियों में बेहतर से बेहतर करने का अनावश्यक दबाव बढ़ गया है। क्या अभिभावक या शिक्षक इस बात का ध्यान रख पाते हैं कि हर बच्चे



की अपनी अलग क्षमता, अलग रुचि हो सकती है । कहीं हमारे कड़े नियमों के तहत बच्चों की प्रतिभाएँ उनकी रुचियाँ दब तो नहीं रहीं । यह जानना बहुत आवश्यक है । क्योंकि आपकी सोच के कारण ही बच्चों में अवसाद की स्थिति उत्पन्न हो रही है । आज के समय में हर माता-पिता बच्चे का पालन-पोषण प्रतिस्पर्धा की भावना से करते हैं कितना अच्छा होता कि हम बच्चों में प्रतिस्पर्धा की भावना की बजाय श्रेष्ठता की भावना भरते । दूसरा कारण असफलता का डर बच्चों की सोच पर नकारात्मक प्रभाव डालती है । पाठ्यक्रम पूरा न हो पाने, कम अंक आने पर शिक्षकों एवं अभिभावकों के व्यवहार में बच्चों को भावनात्मक या मानसिक रूप से कमजोर करती हैं और भी कई तरह के भय भी बच्चों में तनाव या अवसाद की स्थिति उत्पन्न करता है । इसके पीछे कहीं न कहीं हमारी दौड़ती-भागती ज़िंदगी जिसमें हमारे बच्चों के लिए कोई समय नहीं है । केवल उन्हें सुख-सुविधाओं की चीजें, बेहतर से बेहतर स्कूल, मँहगे से मँहगे सामान दिलाकर मान लेते हैं कि हम अपनी ज़िम्मेदारियों से मुक्त हो गए हैं परंतु हमारे बच्चों की हमसे कुछ अलग अपेक्षाएँ हैं वे हमसे हमारा समय, हमारा निर्देशन, हमारी सलाह या हमारा आशीर्वाद चाहते हैं परंतु हमारे परामर्श, निर्देशन या सलाह का महत्त्व तभी है जब हमारी खुद की सोच विकसित हो और हम अपनी इसी विकसित सोच से बच्चों को समझने का प्रयास करें ना कि अपनी सोच, अपने विचार उन पर लादें । हमारी सोच और अपेक्षाएँ बच्चों के मानसिक विकास पर प्रभाव डालती हैं और बच्चे में कुंठा और मानसिक विकृति को जन्म देती हैं । हम आए दिन समाचार पत्रों में बच्चों की आपराधिक गतिविधियों में संलिप्त रहने की खबरें पढ़ते हैं । यह बच्चों में बढ़ रही अवसाद की प्रवृत्ति का घातक रूप है । सामान्यतया हम समझते हैं कि अवसाद वयस्को की बीमारी है, परंतु यह सोच गलत है हमारे बच्चे भी इसका शिकार होते हैं और इसके फलस्वरूप देश का भविष्य अंधकार के गहरे गर्त में डूब रहा है । इसमें यदि कोई आशा की किरण है तो वह हमारा और आपका व्यवहार । हम सामान्य व स्नेही व्यवहार करके बच्चों में बढ़ रही इस प्रवृत्ति को रोक सकते हैं । आज जरूरत है कि हम अपने बच्चों की परेशानियों के विषय में खुलकर बात करें उनके विचारों उनकी प्रतिभा को समझकर अपनी सोच से सामंजस्य स्थापित करें । जिससे वह स्वस्थ मानसिकता के साथ उत्तरोत्तर प्रगति करें । उन्हें और उनकी जरूरतों को समझे । उनमें श्रेष्ठतर करने की भावना प्रवाहित करें । महान शिक्षाविद् रवीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर के शब्दों में बच्चे फूल के समान होते हैं, उन्हें समझें और प्रकृति के करीब रहने दें, उनकी प्रवृत्ति से कोई छेड़छाड़ न करे । अन्यथा ये मुरझा जाएंगे और उनका समुचित विकास नहीं हो पाएगा ।

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## साक्षात्कार (इंटरव्यू)

बाहर बैठा था मैं कुर्सी पर  
कर रहा था अपनी बारी का इंतजार  
सोच-सोच कर फट रहा था मेरा सिर  
क्या मिल जाएगी यह नौकरी,  
क्या ला पाऊँगा मैं मँहगी कार ?

फोन की घंटी बजी  
माँ का आया था फोन  
याद दिला रही थी मुझे वो  
कि चुकाना है तुझे अपनी पिता का लोन ।

अचानक से मुझे किसी ने पुकारा  
बोला जाओ जल्दी आ गया नंबर तुम्हारा  
अब तो प्रभु आप ही हो,  
इस नाचीज़ का सहारा ।

यस, कम इन की गूँज मेरे कानों में दौड़ी  
डर के मारे हाथों ने मेरी फाइलें छोड़ी  
सर की दिल दहलाने वाली आँखें मेरे ऊपर दौड़ी  
शरीर ने मेरे, मेरी जान छोड़ी ।

मैं बैठा उनका मुँह खुला, ऊपर नीचे हिला  
डर के मारे पता नहीं चला क्या था उनका जुमला  
मैंने बोला जी,  
उन्होंने कहा, कितनी डिग्रियाँ तुमने हासिल की ?  
मैं खुश हुआ  
क्योंकि लंबा था मेरा डिग्रियों का पर्चा  
पढ़ाई पर हुआ था मेरा बहुत खर्चा  
टॉप कॉलेजों से पाया था काबिलियत का पर्चा  
पर्चे के चक्कर में हुआ था बहुत खर्चा ।



बिन ए.सी के लगने लगा था मुझे ठंडा,  
क्योंकि उठा लिया था सर ने सवाल का झंडा  
उनका अजीब ही था कुछ फंडा  
पूछा, पहले मुर्गी आई या फिर अंडा ?

सोच रहा था यह बात  
इन डिग्रियों ने ना दिया आज साथ  
ना दे पाया मैं जवाब  
डिग्री पाकर बन रहा था मैं नवाब ।

सर हँसते हुए बोले चलो पूछता हूँ दूसरा सवाल  
इतनी डिग्री होने के बाद भी क्यों करनी है यह  
चपरासी की नौकरी ?  
मैंने कहा, बेरोज़गारी ने डल दी है  
हाथों में लालच की टोकरी ।

मैंने पूछना चाह, सर क्या दोगे मुझे यह नौकरी ?  
जब बाहर निकला पता चला सर का भतीजा पहले  
ही लिए बैठा है यह नौकरी ।  
अब ना ला पाऊँगा मँहगी कार  
क्योंकि, बस औपचारिकता के लिए था यह  
साक्षात्कार !

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## I Am A Teacher Who Is Also A Student

All of us are...all good teachers are ones who are good students....always on the lookout to learn new facts and new ways of handling students. That's what keeps them on their toes and makes their job interesting.

Actor, Performer, Director, Guide, Counsellor, Facilitator, Role model, Mentor, Guru, Multi-tasker, Life coach, Mediator, Manager, Leader, Agony aunt, Communication skills, convincing skills, oratory skills and so on. The list is endless, and we are talking about just one person A teacher.

Many roles one person-all rolled into one.

The one person who is expected to play these roles is the school teacher. The challenge faced by teachers today is how well the roles are synergised to finally enable efficacy in the teaching - learning experience.

So neatly put, so easily said, and yet so tough to implement.

I have attempted to recreate my journey of ten years as a school teacher and tried to put on paper the insights and experiences gained which have shaped my personality and helped me grow professionally. In this article I have referred specifically to the experiences in the classroom.

### Expectations from a Teacher

A teacher has to be a good theatre actor and have a loud and clear voice to capture the students' attention. Her performance in the class should enable the students get interested in the subject. She should be able to direct and facilitate the students in the process of learning. In the half-hour or forty minutes provided, the teacher has to ensure that the objectives set for the day are met and the students learn the subject as well as imbibe good values.

Every aspect of the teacher from her personality, her dress sense, her communication skills, even her patience level, are observed and scrutinised by students. The teachers are constantly judged on these.

One should not forget the ratio, which is it is forty to one or fifty to one or sometimes even sixty to one . One being the teacher and forty being students. And if the class is, say, Xth, XIth or XIIth then the students are as tall or maybe taller than you (also stronger). Dealing with such classes requires skills of leadership and high degree of maturity. Shouting, scolding and getting emotional in these classes will only make matters worse. A tough deal indeed.

I have been in this profession for ten years now but I still feel that I am far from perfect. I am still trying to learn and to hone my skills to become a better teacher: each year each month each day and each teaching period when I teach students the core subject skills and interact with them, I learn a new aspect of dealing with my students and enhancing the teaching learning process.

### My experiences and challenges and what I have learnt from them

My experiences, some of which I am sharing here, are in the form of some key incidents or challenges which I have faced over the past 10 years which have shaped my performance in class, behaviour towards student-learners and given me the impetus to change and evolve.

The other day I entered my class to teach trigonometry and observed that they did not seem to be in a mood to learn. One person passed a comment and everyone started laughing. Instead of reprimanding and giving a lecture on respecting teachers I decided to start the class and ignore their behaviour. So I introduced my topic differently. This would serve two purposes, divert the students' attention and bring them to the learning mode. I asked them if they could find the height of the school building without touching it or going near it. The question set them thinking and I gave them time to ponder over it. I then said that the topic to be learnt will teach them how to do precisely that. It caught their attention and I could proceed with my class.

My learning : draw attention away from negativity and move towards positivity

During one classroom session I noticed a student yawn (this usually happens in the last two periods of the day), then another and then another one...I realised that it was my lecture which was doing it. I had been speaking nonstop for about



10-12 minutes and that's way more than the average student's attention span. So I stopped, just completely stopped talking. The students noticed the silence. I got the attention once again and this time I decided to continue teaching by questioning them, encouraging them to participate and arrive at conclusions. I helped them answer the question by providing keyword as hints and praising them when they got it right. This motivated the students to learn and helped in achieving the learning objectives of the day.

**My learning :** student participation in the learning process helps break the monotony and makes teaching Learning process effective

Each learner or student learns at his/her own pace and we cater to a mixed crowd. My concept introduction session always starts from simple to complex. For example, while teaching algebra to class IX, I revise and recapitulate the concepts done in earlier classes, say classes VI, VII and VIII. This way the students relate better to the subject and learn the topic better. Use of multimedia tools such as computers and the readymade modules also helps improve learning.

**My learning :** always keep in mind the student mix during classroom session. Keep adapting your teaching method accordingly.

A few years back, I took feedback from my class. I asked them to write two things which they liked about their teachers and two things which they disliked. A lot of answers were predictable and expected but I was surprised that many of them wrote that one of the teachers would get angry and shout at them. They also mentioned that the teacher was very good but got angry too often. I guessed they were talking about me. This worried me because the students felt this strongly enough to mention it. I realised that I should have kept my emotions in check as it was affecting the students.

**My learning :** A scolding from a teacher distracts the students from on learning. Teachers should try and provide the students a 'happy' atmosphere.

At a staff meeting one day, our Principal asked me if I had completed an assignment. I had not. I expected a reprimand, in front of all teachers and felt ashamed, in fact I wanted to sink to the centre of the earth (figuratively speaking, of course). Instead, she looked at me and said that she understood that I had been busy handling other responsibilities and asked me by when she could get it. Her smile and her encouraging words put me at ease and made me respect her more. I completed the assignment with lot more interest and enthusiasm and I think I did a far better job. I implemented this learning in the classroom. Students are expected to complete their work daily for all subjects. I now check their load and accordingly give them work. While they are solving questions, I take a round of the class and try and encourage them to do better by giving positive verbal comments like "Well done", "Yes you are right....but correct this". Even if it one line which they have written correctly or even partially correctly.

**My learning :** The teachers encouraging smile, or an understanding look goes a long way in improving a teacher-student relationship leading to better learning.

Mathematics is a subject which cannot be memorised. It requires drill and practice lots of it, which in turn The drill and practice help internalise concepts. After I complete a classroom session I expect the students to go home and practice the concepts learnt that day. Some students do it, but most don't and so are not prepared to 'digest' another concept. If this cycle continues then over a period of time they lose control of the subject. I then ask them to spend just fifteen minutes on the subject - and not a minute more. that has worked to a certain extent.

**My Learning :** still learning. I need to work more in order to 'inspire' students to learn.

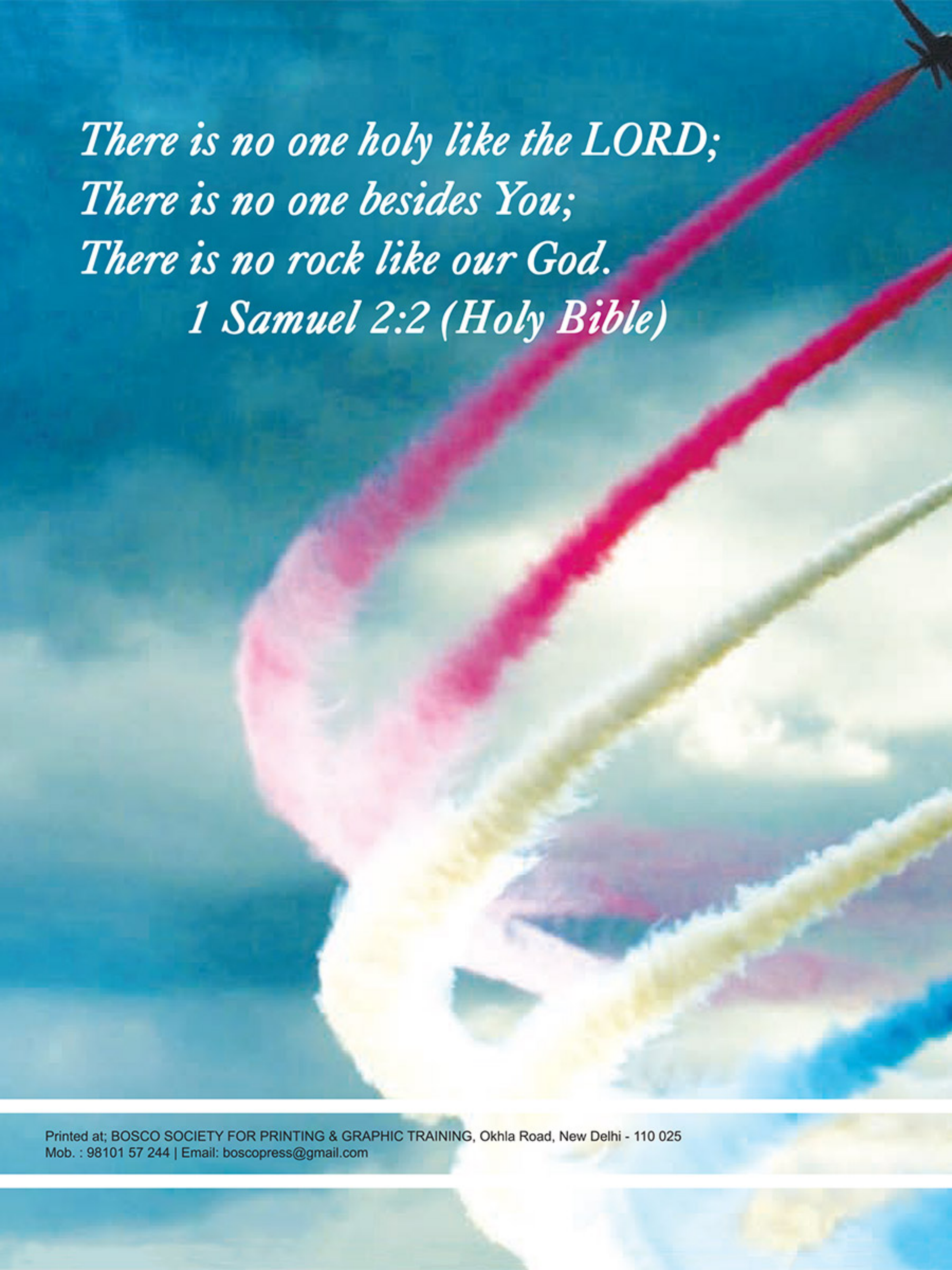
### **To conclude**

There is a Japanese word kaizen, which means continuous improvement in small increments. My journey so far has been a series of "small lessons", learning from which have helped enhance my skills and become a better teacher and a human being.

And my journey as a teacher continues and as they say, Learning Never Stops...

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*There is no one holy like the LORD;  
There is no one besides You;  
There is no rock like our God.  
1 Samuel 2:2 (Holy Bible)*