Message



In the blink of an eye, we see another year gone by! I feel like repeating what Ralph Hodgson said,

'Time, you old gypsy man, will you not stay?
Put up your caravan just for a day!

Each passing year is a learning experience and an endless journey which opens up new vistas for progress and development and where there is no scope or room for disharmony or complacency.

In this past year, and within the time frame available, we have accomplished great deeds and won laurels for ourselves. The celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of Public School Education in the Somerville Schools, at Somerville School, NOIDA in February 2019, were indeed outstanding. From humble beginnings in 1968 to the mighty Somerville Schools now, we have, indeed come a long way. Heartiest congratulations to the Principal and all Staff members!

This has been defined by many happy memories, supportive friendships and enduring relationships. I am proud and honoured to be able to reiterate that the School is fortunate to have the best educators. The drive, passion and determination, underpinned by skill, knowledge and empathy has seen teaching and learning continue to progress, despite the ever changing social, learning and emotional needs that we are confronted with.

But, I feel that real learning happens when "Teachers see learning through the eyes of their students and students see themselves as their own teachers". Teachers should base lessons and teach what gets the students excited and help them learn effectively. Help your children fall in love with the process of learning and see mistakes and errors as stepping stones to discovery.

I wish to congratulate the Principal, Staff and students for the extraordinary Board results. Make sure your students know that they are seen and encouraged to explore who they are and while Perfection is not an option, Excellence is! All best wishes to the School in its endeavours.

Above all, we rejoice in the love of Christ that bonds us together. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3: 23

Mrs. Mary George
President
Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India



Message

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward"

Psalms 127, Verse 3 (Holy Bible-KJV)

Greetings to the Somerville Family, especially the parents of our dear students,

I thank the Lord for giving me one more opportunity to pen a message for the school magazine. While writing a message for a school magazine, the main focus should be on the precious gift the Lord has given us, our students. You, dear parents, have entrusted your children to us imposing implicit faith and trust in our schools. It is, therefore, our sacred duty and we are honour bound not only to educate these young ones, but to look after them and nurture them in the right spirit, so that they are moulded in the correct way, to become treasured gifts for their parents as well as hardworking, disciplined and patriotic citizens of our nation.

This does not mean that we are here to create prototypes, believing that all students are the same. We know that each child is different, with diverse aptitudes, interests and abilities. It is our duty to recognise the individual differences and inborn talents of our students. With our guidance and the acceptance of these differences, our children will grow and bloom so that each class resembles a beautiful garden where trees and plants of all types co-exist bearing a variety of colourful flowers and fruits.

The only way we can work towards our goals is to have our teachers and you, the parents of our students, share our vision. We cannot succeed without the unstinting support of all the stake holders. Children learn by imitation, and not constant lecturing, or a long list of 'dos and don'ts'. This implies that we have, necessarily, to be very careful of what we say and do in their presence. Nurturing children at home is very important, since they spend three quarters of their day at home.

Times have changed, and social media and mobiles play an important role in the lives of children. Though the internet is a valuable store of information and communication, some of its contents are detrimental to the mental health of a child. It is here that the watchful eye of the parents is indispensable. Spending time with your children, having family conversations and outings, sharing meals, teach some of the greatest lessons in life. The child learns from a very early age to appreciate her/his family, their culture and their beliefs. They learn to take what is good and discard what is not good not only at school, but at home as well.

Parents and teachers must engage in this God-given partnership. It is your duty to pray for the physical and mental well being of your wards. I, personally, make it a point, to pray to the Almighty for all the students of our schools every day. Our combined efforts and prayers will, undoubtedly, make them not only realise their dreams and aspirations, but will also make these young ones become responsible citizens of our great country, India.

May our Lord continue to shower His blessings upon us as He has always done in the past.

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

Message



Always remember what you have learnt. Your education is your life - guard it. well.

Proverbs 4, Verse 13

We thank the Almighty for the year that has gone by. It was yet another fruitful academic session. Our teachers worked with dedication to create an environment conducive to the teaching/learning process, as a result of which, our students grew in stature and knowledge.

Knowledge of school subjects is essential for life after school and college. A good education makes students of today good professionals of the future. They find good livelihoods that enable them to live good and comfortable lives to support their families and ultimately be good, productive citizens. We, at Somerville, recognise the value of academics and our teachers ensure that Classes are interesting and students learn all that will help them to become successful. Well-equipped labs and libraries, smart boards and state of the art computers, help the teachers to use innovative methods and keep the students absorbed in the subjects they are learning.

Equal importance is given to extra and co-curricular activities. From stage performances to debates and declamations, dance, singing, and sports activities, art and craft and work experience, at Somerville we have them all. Trained and experienced teachers in these disciplines recognise talents and train students to excel in the activities they love.

While they go from Class to Class, the goal is to make students take each experience as 'education for life'. Somerville is a school that cares. Our endeavour is to make students learn how to take each event with equanimity be it positive or negative. Counselling and understanding is always available for our students. If they succeed, they experience joy, if they stumble, they learn to pick themselves up and move on. And this is what true education is all about.

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



Message

Dear students, parents, staff members and well-wishers,

It is my honor and privilege to greet you with warm prayerful wishes that you be showered with abundant blessings from the Almighty.

"Your attitude is either the lock on or key to your door to success"

Denis Waitley

Each of us, sooner or later, goes through a moment or a situation when it seems that we are on the wrong road, and life is moving in the wrong direction.

But … this is also true that some things are within our control and what disturbs us are not events or situations, but our attitude towards them.

Dear all, I wish you the blessing of a positive attitude, and this is what we also try to build in our students. We, at the Somerville Schools, strive to provide a platform where a child is holistically educated, encompassing physical (physiological), mental (cognitive), social, emotional (psychological) and spiritual growth. We aim that our students became a resource for tomorrow.

We accentuate learning by synergy and collaboration and this surely comes with a positive attitude towards life. Every student at Somerville is given a voice and avenue where they are able to express their knowledge and dream big and achieve big.

As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.

Proverbs 27:19

I am confident that at the Somerville Schools, everyone will understand the true meaning of life, love life and live life to its fullest with the Almighty as the guide, and reach the heights of glory.
May the Almighty Lord, continue to protect and bless our schools.

Mr. Abraham Mathew
Manager
Somerville School Greater NOIDA

Message



Be still, and know that I am God.

— Psalm 46 : 10

In this day and age we find ourselves chasing far too many things than the mind is able to focus on. Inevitably we also find ourselves tackling these many things at the same time, thus spreading our focus so thin that nothing gets the attention it deserves. This is commonly referred to as the "being busy" syndrome, that most of us are under the yoke of, unable to break free. Being busy, however, is not the same thing as being productive. Students these days are chasing academics, sports, arts, performing arts and entertainment, all with the same fervour that direction towards a single goal is lost, even though they feel that a lot is being done. However, what we must understand is that “being busy” is not the same as being productive. Being productive would also entail achieving results as opposed to the unfruitful hustle and bustle of being plain busy. I would like to draw your attention to an analogy of being busy to that of a hurricane. Hurricanes move with so much of force, power, and velocity that it can whip up a storm in a matter of seconds from nothingness. But where does this hurricane derives its power from? The power is found at the eye of the hurricane, which on the contrary is quiet. Silent. Still. It is this silent centre that is able to build up a hurricane of power. Even when everything seems to be busy swirling around in chaos and confusion, the centre and core of the hurricane is still.

How do we apply this to our busy life in order to make it into a productive one despite all the busyness? How do we make our hearts and minds silent to generate more power and accomplish great heights? How does one make their being achieve success, in tandem with the mind and soul? The answer lies in one powerful word: mindfulness.

Mindfulness is the quality of being present and fully engaged with whatever we’re doing at the moment — free from distraction or judgment, and aware of our thoughts and feelings without getting caught up in them. Distractions come in several forms, some evident and noticeable and some not so much. Thinking and worrying about the future, being unhappy about the past or wishing things had gone differently, distract our mind from being quite and mindful of the present. The present has so much to offer that just by being aware of each breath that we breathe gives us immense power and control over situations which otherwise would seem overwhelming under the garb of busyness. We must train in this moment-to-moment awareness through prayer or meditation which allows us to build the skill of mindfulness so that we can then apply it to every second of life. In teaching the mind to be present, we are teaching ourselves to be alive more mindfully — in the present, taking a breath, not beholden to reactive thoughts and feelings — which is particularly helpful when faced with challenging circumstances or difficult situations. The art of being mindful, however, is not limited only to oneself and ones wellbeing, for that would make us wear the hat of selfishness. We must remember at all times to be mindful of our family, our neighbours, our classmates or colleagues, the underprivileged, the dying, the unsung heroes, our helpers, our environment, our country and thus the world as the bigger picture unfolds. As we stand at the threshold of the year 2020, I urge you all to develop the skill of being mindful, especially of the little things, for then the bigger things will take care of itself. Take time out to breathe deep and be mindful.

Dr. Mary Thomas
Principal

FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas addressing the august gathering

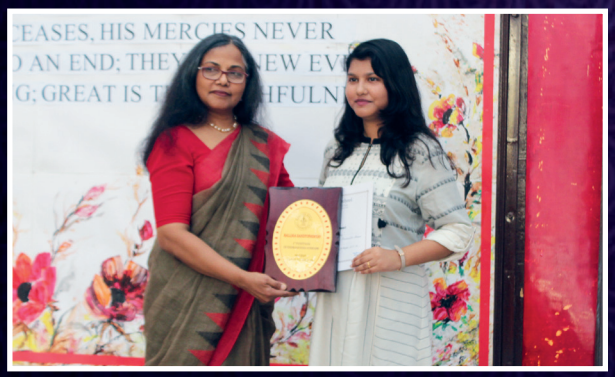


Mrs. Manila Verma, Senior Coordinator shares the good result





Our esteemed partners in success



Mallika Bandhopadhyay
Topper of our school at 99.4 %



Mallika scored a perfect 100 in English, Economics and Political Science. Highest in Geography

"THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES, HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END; THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



Raj Lakshmi - 97.4%
2nd - Humanities Stream
Third position in CBSE Class XII exams



Atoshi Bhattacharya - 95.8%
3rd Position-Humanities Stream



Abhas Gahlot: Topper - Science Stream
97.8%, 100 in Mathematics & Physical Education.
Highest in Chemistry, Computer Science



Aman Mishra 95.8% - 2nd Position - Science Stream. Top Score in Computer Science



Soumya Ranjan Sahu - 95.6%
3rd Position- Science Stream



Shruti Kashyap - 89%
2nd Position Commerce Stream



Mansi Pandey - Top Score of 94 in Business Studies



Shaina Jain - 88.8%
3rd Position Commerce Stream

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FELICITATION: CBSE CLASS X & XII EXAMINATION TOPPERS



Roshan Kumar Jha - 99 in Physics, 97 in Chemistry



Naimisha Srivastava 100 in Painting



Nishtha Chitara 94 in Business Studies



Rupal Mishra 94 in Business Studies



Kapil Bhati Highest Score of 100 in Painting



Sagarika Chakroborty 100 in Painting



Santanu Saha- 100 in Painting



Sandeep scored 100 in Economics

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Anjali Poddar Highest score 100 in Painting



Tisha Goel - 97.8%
1st Position in Class X



Kiranpreet Kaur - 96.6%
2nd Position Class X



Himanshu Tyagi Class X - 100 in English & 99 in Mathematics



Ramya Rana - 95%
3rd Position Class X, 100 in Sanskrit



Vice Principal, Mrs. Monisha R Claudius delivers the vote of thanks



Kiranpreet Kaur - Recipient of Muivah Award



A tete-o-tete over high tea

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Toppers of Humanities Stream



Top scorers from the Commerce Stream



The Top brass of Science Stream



Class X top scorers with the guiding lights



Adya Choudhary (IVB), Aditya Vikram Singh (VA) 1st position in Freedom Quiz at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Devanshi Kukreja (VB) 2nd position in Cartoon Painting - Disney World at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Lehan Gosh (IIC) 1st position in Parivartan Painting Competition (Category - Minims)



Naman Mishra (VB) 2nd position in Sudoku at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Neelabh Basu (IIIB) 1st position in Spell Bee at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Abhishek Tripathi (III B) Protyayee Sarkar 1st position in Crafts at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA



Naman Mishra (VB), Saanvi (VC), Rufus Rency Mathew (VC) 2nd position in Sacrecrow Making in at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA



Satakshi (VA) 1st position in Work in Unison at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)

ACHIEVEMENTS



T.Mahima Dhanraj (VB) 3rd position in Tracing Symmetry at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Aayushi Nagar (VIII B) and Bhumika Dwivedi (VIII A) stood third in 'Best out of Waste' Competition at Greater NOIDA World School, Greater NOIDA - Artistry 2018



Aditi Pande (XI D) 3rd Prize in Solo Female Western Music at Brother Bergin '18 held at Mt . St. Mary's, Delhi



Aditi Pande (XI D) - 1st Prize in Solo Junior in Swaram'18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh, Delhi



Aditi Pande (XI D) - 2nd Prize in Female Solo, Anil Das Memorial Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R K Puram



Aditya Joshi (X D) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (X D) First in History Symposium at Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA - Melange 2018

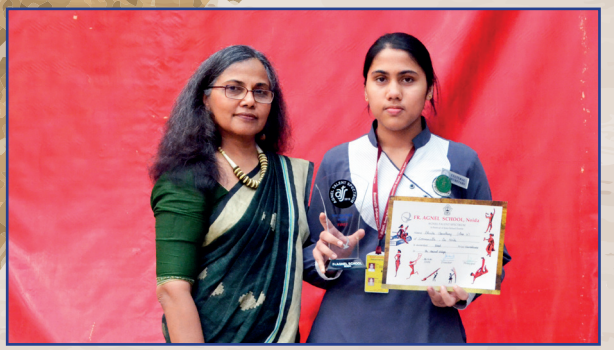


Arpan Pal (XI B) - winner of the Quiz held at United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



Ayushi Kaushik (IX A) and Riya Jain (IX A) 2nd in Mathematics Model Making held at Cambridge School, Greater NOIDA - Spectrum'18

ACHIEVEMENTS



Bhavika Choudhary (X B) 1st in Painting Competition' The Chained Wings' at Father Agnel School, NOIDA



Daniel Awana (IX B) - 1st Prize Solo Junior, Dhwani'18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi



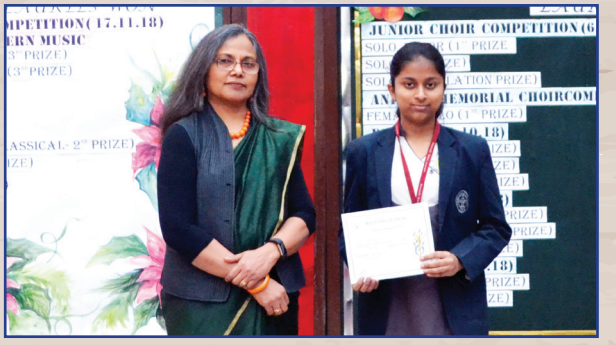
Daniel Awana (IX B) - 2nd Prize Solo Male in Harmony'18 - Music Competition at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA



Daniel Awana (IX B), Gauri Mohan (XI A), Prince P Abraham (XII A) and Gagan Varshney (XI C) 1st Prize in Quartet - Swaram '18



Daniel Awana (IX B), Gauri Mohan (XI A), Prince P Abraham (XII A) and Gagan Varshney (XI C) 2nd Prize in Quartet - Harmony'18



Devanshi (IX C) 1st in Charcoal Painting at Hillswood School, Greater NOIDA - Kalakriti'18



Devanshi (IX C) 1st in Painting Competition at Sharda University - Earth Day Celebration



Divyanshi Singh (XII D) and Himanshu Tyagi (XI C) stood 2nd in Duet - Indian Music at Brother Bergin '18 held at Mt . St. Mary's

ACHIEVEMENTS



Daniel Awana (IX B) - 1st Prize Solo, Junior Music Competition at Apostle Methodist Church, R.K.Puram



Drishti Garg (XI D) and Vaishnavi Srivastava (XI B) 2nd in English Debate held at Cambridge School, Greater NOIDA - Spectrum'18



Drishti Garg (XI D), Sheikh Malaika Kalia (XII C) and Mayank Agarwal (XI B)1st Prize in English Debate at Aster Public School, Greater NOIDA



Gargi Shekhawat (VII) 2nd Prize Solo Junior, Dhwani'18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi



Gauri Mohan (XI A) - 1st Prize Solo, Anil Das Memorial Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R.K.Puram



Gauri Mohan (XI A) - 3rd Prize in Solo Female Dhwani '18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi



Gauri Mohan (XI A) - 3rd Prize in Solo Female Harmony'18 - Music Competition at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA



Gauri Mohan (XI A) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (X D) 1st Prize - Duet at Apostles Methodist Church, R.K. Puram



Divyanshi Singh (XII D) - Winner of the Quiz held at United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



Gauri Mohan (XI A) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (X D) 3rd Prize - Duet at Swaram '18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh



Harsh Upadyay (IX D) stood 3rd in Poster Making (GIMP) held at Cambridge School, Greater NOIDA - Spectrum'18



Krishank Ghosh (VII C) and Saaransh Sharma (VI C) stood first in Chit Chat at Greater NOIDA World School, Greater NOIDA - Artistry 2018



Malishka Singh (V D) - 1st Prize Solo, Junior Music Competition at Apostles Methodist Church, R.K.Puram



Malishka Singh (V D) - 2nd Prize Solo Sub Junior in Swaram '18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh, Delhi



Mayank Agarwal (XI B) and Aditya Saraswat (XI C) - Winners of the Quiz held at United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



Piyush Pandey (XI D) won the Best Speaker 'For the Motion' Award for English Debate at Pragyan School Greater NOIDA- Melange'

ACHIEVEMENTS



Gauri Mohan (XI A) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (X D) 2nd Prize - Duet at Harmony'18 Music Competition at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA



Priyanshi Banerjee (XII A) 2nd in Youth Forum (Talk show) held at Cambridge School, Greater NOIDA - Spectrum'18



Rukmani Sharma (IX C) - 1st Prize in Essay Writing Competition at Sharda University - Earth Day Celebration



Sachin Lakhera (XII D) Judged as the Best Tabla Player at Brother Bergin '18 held at Mt . St. Mary's



Sahil Pradhan (VIII B) stood 1st in Pencil sketch at Hillswood School Greater NOIDA - Kalakriti'18



Sanskriti Rai (IX A) and Kumar Shalabh (IX C) stood 3rd in Web Ignite (Nexus 2018) held at DPS Greater NOIDA



Sheikh Malaika Kalia (XII C) and Shreya Ruth Nanda (X D) got Special Mention Certificate at Father Agnel School, NOIDA



Rishabh Banerjee (XI B), Drishti Garg (XI D), Archas Srivastav (XI C) and Aditi Pande (XI D) 2nd in Skit at Somerville School, NOIDA (Incognito - IT Fest)

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STREAMWISE TOPPERS OF (A.I.S.S.C.E.) CLASS XII (2017 - 2018)

SCHOOL TOPPER

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PERCENTAGE
FIRST	MALLIKA BANDYOPADHYAY	99.8%
SECOND	ABHAS GAHLOT	97.8%
THIRD	RAJ LAKSHMI	97.4%
	RUBY LOVINA EKKA	97.4%

SCIENCE STREAM

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PERCENTAGE
FIRST	ABHAS GAHLOT	97.8%
SECOND	AMAN MISHRA	95.8%
THIRD	SOUMYA RANJAN SAHU	95.6%

COMMERCE STREAM

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PERCENTAGE
FIRST	CHARU CHAUAHAN	91%
SECOND	SHRUTI KASHYAP	89%
THIRD	SHAINA JAIN	88.8%

HUMANITIES STREAM

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PERCENTAGE
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	RUBY LOVINA EKKA	97.4%
THIRD	ATOSHI BHATTACHARYA	95.8%

SUBJECTWISE TOPPERS OF CBSE CLASS XII (2017 - 2018)

Name of the Student	Subject	Marks
Mallika Bandyopadhyay	English	100
Abhas Gahlot	Mathematics	100
Roshan Kumar Jha	Physics	99
Roshan Kumar Jha	Chemistry	97
Abhas Gahlot	Chemistry	97
Soumya Ranjan Sahu	Biology	100
Abhas Gahlot	Computer Science	96
Aman Mishra	Computer Science	96
Mallika Bandyopadhyay	Economics	100
Sandeep	Economics	100
Charu Chauhan	Economics	100
Manshi Pandey	Business Studies	94
Nishtha Chitara	Business Studies	94
Rupal Mishra	Business Studies	94
Charu Chauhan	Accountancy	90
Mallika Bandyopadhyay	Political Science	100
Mallika Bandyopadhyay	Geography	99
Raj Lakshmi	Geography	99
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

TOPPERS OF CBSE CLASS - X (2017- 2018)

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	PERCENTAGE
FIRST	TISHA GOEL	97.8%
SECOND	KIRAN PREET KAUR	96.6%
THIRD	RAMYA RANA	95.0%

SUBJECTWISE TOPPERS OF CBSE CLASS - X (2017- 2018)

NAME OF THE STUDENT	SUBJECT	MARKS
HIMANSHU TYAGI	ENGLISH	100
ANANYA PAL	HINDI	98
RAMYA RANA	SANSKRIT	100
TISHA GOEL	MATHEMATICS	99
HIMANSHU TYAGI	MATHEMATICS	99
TISHA GOEL	SCIENCE	97
SHAAN BHATIA	SOCIAL SCIENCE	100

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ANANYA PAL, XI C
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DISCIPLINE PREFECTS	NAMAN MISHRA	V B
	RUSHIL IVAN EGBERT	V D
	DIVYA GOEL	V A
	SATAKSHI	V A

Expressions 2018

The Annual Inter School carnival of events - Expressions 2018 was celebrated and hosted by Somerville School, Greater NOIDA on the 7th, 8th and 13th of November. Students from various schools of NOIDA, Greater NOIDA and Delhi participated in the three- day long festival.

The guests of honour from the Lott Carey Baptist Mission which administers the school graced the occasion.

Students from various schools participated in various events to exhibit the healthy competitive spirit. Different activities were conducted at various venues in the school premises.

Personalities from all walks of life graced the event to judge various musical and art events held during the festival.

The oratory skills, singing and presentation was manifested by the students. The show was a medley of hard work and dedication and their striving for excellence.

The event was a success for the students as well as for teachers and for the host school, as it spread healthy competition among the schools in the vicinity.

The creative thinking 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, bagged 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.

Rashtriya Ekta Divas

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day) from 31st October – 1st November 2018 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel.

On 31st October 2018 the students from Classes Nursery – VII participated in various activities organized by the school, to sensitize the students about the significance of strength in unity, integrity and security of the nation. Students paid a colourful tribute to 'The Iron Man of India' on his birth anniversary.

On 1st November 2018 a pledge ceremony was organized in the school for the students of Classes IX–XII to reaffirm the strength and resilience of our nation builder. 'Run for Unity' was organized in the school premises wherein the students of Classes IX–XII participated enthusiastically.

All the students were shown a brief documentary on the life and contribution of 'The Iron Man of India' in integrating India as a united nation.

TEACHER'S DAY

'A mediocre teacher tells. A good teacher explains. The superior teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires'.

---William Arthur Ward.

The School Management sent an inspiring message to the teaching staff that filled everyone with enthusiasm and heartfelt gratitude. Teacher's day was celebrated on 5th September 2018 in the audio-visual room where the students of Class XII presented an entertaining ensemble of music, dance, skit and speech on the importance and value of celebrating Teacher's Day. This was followed by an outing on 6th September 2018. The teachers went to the Grand Venice Mall, watched a movie and enjoyed a scrumptious meal. In a nutshell, it was an awesome experience which all teachers shall cherish forever. Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

As rightly pointed by Harriet Tubman, let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.

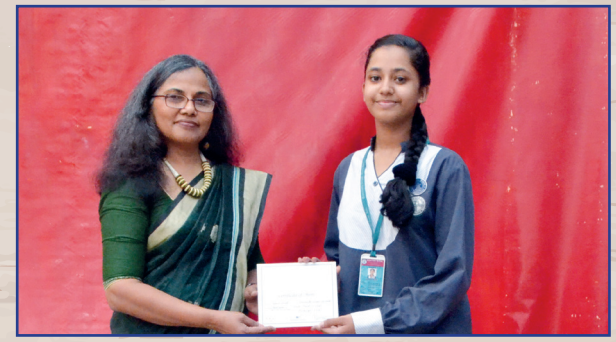
ACHIEVEMENTS



Sparsh Verma (VIII C) - 3rd Prize in Scrap Fodge at Somerville School, NOIDA - Incognito IT Fest



Swasti Bhardwaj (XI B) - Winner of the Lucky Draw held at United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



Tejasvi Sood (VIII C) Best Speaker 'Against the Motion' in Hindi Vaad Vivad at Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA (Melange'18)



Yash Rawal (VI A) - 1st Prize - Solo Sub Junior at Swaram'18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh Delhi



Winners of the Quiz held at United Group of Institutions, Greater NOIDA



Winners of Scintillation held at Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi



Winners of PARIVARTAN Painting Competition at St Joseph's School, Greater NOIDA by St Joseph's Church



Winners of Nukkad Natak at Greater NOIDA World School, Greater NOIDA - Artistry 2018

ACHIEVEMENTS



The Indian Music Choir - 3rd Prize in Group Song at Brother Bergin' 18 held at Mt . St. Mary's



The Indian Music Choir (Juniors) stood 2nd in Group Folk Song held at Cambridge School, NOIDA - Image 2018



The Indian Music Choir (Seniors) 2nd in Group Vocal Indian Classical held at Cambridge School, NOIDA - Image 2018



The Indian Music Instrumental Competition - 2nd Prize at Brother Bergin '18 held at Mt . St. Mary's



The team stood 2nd in Corner of Joy Competition held at Fr. Agnel School, Greater NOIDA - Alegrarse



Third prize winners of the Western Music Competition at Brother Bergin' 18 held at Mt . St. Mary's



Western Music Choir - 1st Prize in Dhwani '18 Music Competition at St. Thomas Church, Mandir Marg, New Delhi

ACHIEVEMENTS



Western Music Choir - 1st Prize in Harmony '18 held at Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, NOIDA



Western Music Choir - 2nd Prize in Swaram'18 - Music Competition at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karol Bagh, Delhi



Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest - Juniors



Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest - Seniors



Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest - KG



Winners of Britannia Quiz Conquest -Nursery

ACHIEVEMENTS



Adya Choudhary (IVB), Aditya Vikram Singh (VA) 1st position in Freedom Quiz at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Devanshi Kukreja (VB) 2nd position in Cartoon Painting - Disney World at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Lahan Gosh (IIC) position in Parivartan Painting Competition (Category - Minims)



Naman Mishra (VB) 2nd position in Sudoku at Apeejay International School, Greater NOIDA (Resonance 2018)



Winner of 'under 18' Football Tournament at Pragyan School, Greater NOIDA



Winners of Football Tournament at DPS Ghaziabad



Runners up at Apeejay School, Greater NOIDA



Runners up at Frank Anthony School, New Delhi



Runners up at JBM Global School, Expressway, NOIDA



Winners at Holy Public School, Greater NOIDA



Runners up of Football Tournament Khaitan Public School, Indirapuram

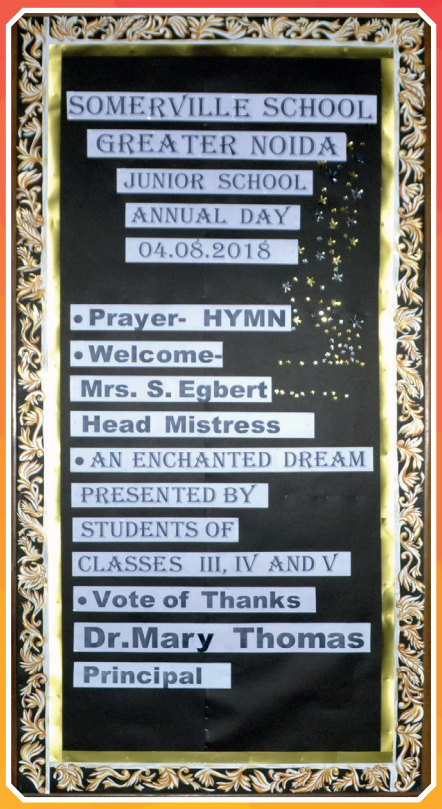


Winners at Cambridge School, NOIDA



Glen Gigi - Best Player of the Tournament

AN ENCHANTED DREAM – ANNUAL DAY (JUNIOR SCHOOL)



Junior School Annual Day-An Enchanted Dream



Mrs. Shefali Egbert welcomes the guests at Junior School Annual Day-An Enchanted Dream



Into the world of Fairy Tales



Peter Pan with his friends



The Darling Family



Anvi Shukla - V B as Mrs.Darling, Naman Mishra -VB as Michael



Anshika Tyagi (V B) as Wendy



Bhuvi Srivastava (V B) as Anna

AN ENCHANTED DREAM – ANNUAL DAY (JUNIOR SCHOOL)



To an adventurous journey



Noah Sahu (IV-D) as a free-spirited and mischievous Peter Pan



Best Friends-Peter Pan and Tinkerbell



Mesmerising dance by the students of Class III A



Our Little Stars

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Dance - 'You can fly'



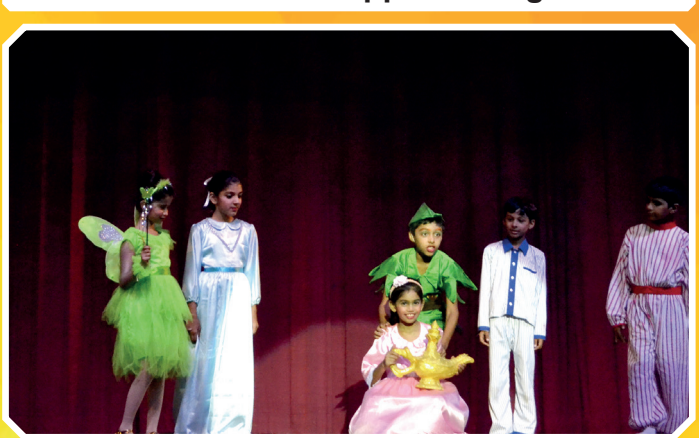
Think of a merry little thought



Think of the happiest things



Peter Pan with the Magical lamp



Shhhhhh...Just close your eyes and believe



Here comes the genie





Sarthak as Aladdin

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Aditya V. Singh as the Magician



Magician enticing Aladdin



The dark cave



Aladdin with the lamp



Your wish is my command Master



Hey! Make way for Prince Ali



Prince Ali and the beautiful Jasmine



The handsome Prince Ali

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Dance by Class IV C & D - Prince Ali



Don't they look lovely



The brightest beginning



Aditya Kumar (V B) as Prince Ali, Twinkle Tiwari (IV A) as Jasmine and Shouryendra (IV D) as Genie



'Mirror Mirror on the Wall'



Dakshita (V C) as the Queen, Sanchit (V C) as, the Noble Huntsman



Run Away..... My pretty one..



The Seven Dwarfs

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Dance - Dig, Dig, Dig



Snow White and the Seven Dwarf



Taking a bite of the poisonous apple



The wicked laugh



Dance by Class III B, D - Heigh Ho Heigh Ho...



Dig Dig Dig....in a mine



Life under the Sea



Kashish (V B) - as Aerial, Neelabh (III) B as Flounder, Aarav (III B) as Sebastian

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Dance by Class III C - Under the Sea



The Little Mermaids



Dance Under the sea with all the creatures



Exploring the Land



Sumay (III C) as 'Sea King', permitting Aerial to explore...



Aerial meets Moana



Rachael (V B) - as Moana meeting Aerial and her friends

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A Brand New Island



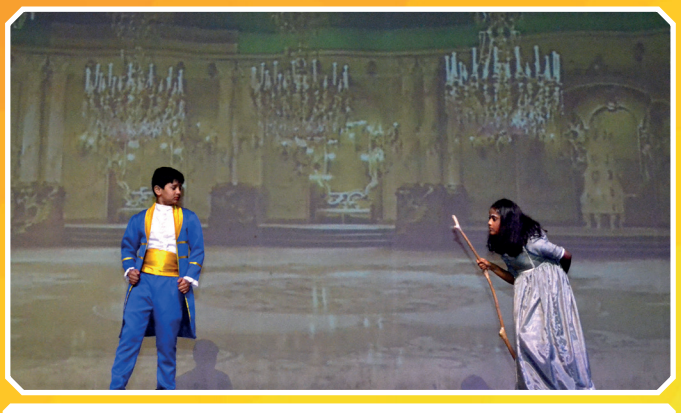
We sail the length of the seas on the ocean breeze



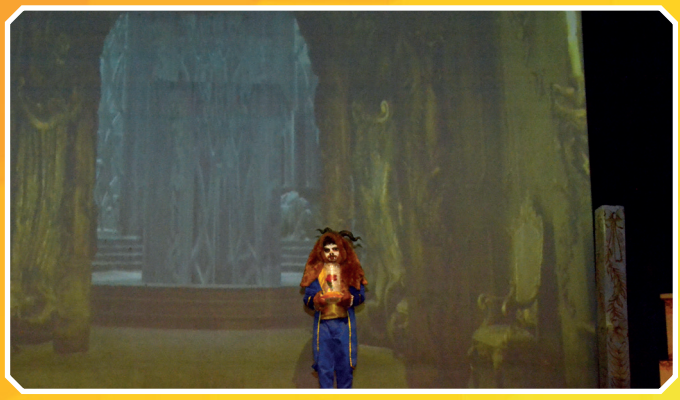
Dance- We know the way



We are the explorers



Kanishk Bhati (V C) - as the arrogant Prince, Adya (IV B) - as the Old Woman



The Prince under the Magic Spell



Rushil (V D) - as Maurice with his daughters - Snigdha (V C), Awesha (V C), Saanvi (III A)

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Maurice plucking the rose from the Beast's Garden



The Beast capturing Maurice



A Sad Moment



Belle pleading for her father's freedom



Belle sacrificed her freedom



The enchanted objects in the castle



Belle greeted by the Enchanted Objects



The Beast in despair

AN ENCHANTED DREAM – ANNUAL DAY (JUNIOR SCHOOL)



Dance - Be our guest



Glen (V C) as the Beast



Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder



Kindness always pays off



The Grand Ball



Have Faith in your deams



AN ENCHANTED DREAM – ANNUAL DAY (JUNIOR SCHOOL)





In Perfect Harmony



Favourite Fairy Tale Characters



The Melliflous Western Music Choir



Vote of Thanks by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



Audience enjoying the play



The Western Music Choir

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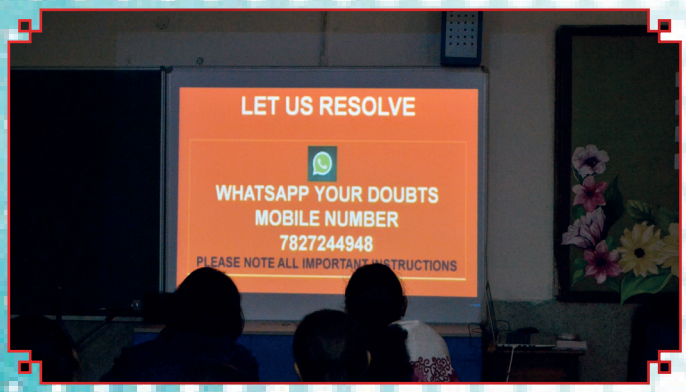
The Grand Finale

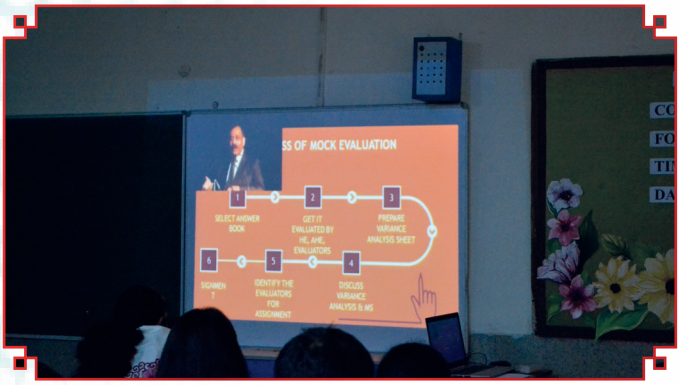


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RUN FOR UNITY

Somerville School Observes Rashtriya 'EKTA' Shapath



Students gearing up for the Run



Students join the run for Rashtriya Ekta



Banners and Students - all set



Principal Dr. Mary Thomas administers the pledge to the students

SWACHTA PAKHWADA

SWACHTA PAKHWADA was started in April 2018 when four Ministries of Government joined together in a mission to create mass awareness about cleanliness and sanitation as part of our daily discipline. Everyone needs to work in unison to voice the principles voiced by our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. The society needs to understand the concept of clean and green India, the planet is ailing and we need to convert it into an 'Era of Responsibility' where all of us join hands together to leave a better planet for the future generations. Let us voice a concept of holistic approach towards cleanliness and sanitation.

Swachta Pakhwada was celebrated between 16th and 23rd September 2018 in Somerville School, Greater NOIDA to highlight the importance of cleanliness of self, spirit and environment. The programme commenced with an oath taking ceremony by students and staff pledging to the concept of promoting cleanliness and hygiene. It was followed by a march by students and teachers carrying banners on cleanliness in and around the school vicinity. The staff and students also cleaned the school premises and the colony around the school. It taught them the value of keeping the surroundings and country clean. It was a learning experience. The students also wrote a letter and essay on 'Cleanliness and Hygiene'. Everyone was motivated to work on the principles of cleanliness and hygeine in their life, society and country.

Cleanliness can be defined as the purest emblem of the mind. Cleanliness is a state of purity, clarity, and precision. Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world. Quality is what all of us were enlightened with service, cleanliness and values, just few thoughts to ponder on.

Election Campaign

An Election Campaign was held in the campus for the post of Head Boy and Head Girl on 18.4.2018. Students took part in the campaign zealously showing their willingness to take the school to new heights and presented their manifestos before the faculty members and their co-students in the school campus.

CAREER COUNSELLING

A career counselling session was held on May 1, 2018 at Delhi Public School, Greater NOIDA for the students of Class XII. Several schools from Greater NOIDA and NOIDA participated in the event. Mr. Jitin Chawla, the resource person, headed the session. He furnished information about the courses offered in Delhi University and other foreign universities like ESSEC University (Singapore) for students of Classes IX – XII.



An interactive session with the audience

Mr. Vipin Agarwal, Principal, Sri Aurobindo College (Delhi University), presided over the meetings and cleared several misconception regarding the admission procedure in Delhi University. Another resource person Mrs. Akansha Singh brought to light the fact that students interested in pursuing their career with stimulation, virtual reality, mobile and web based developments do not have a SAT mandate. She further informed the students about the non-requirement of SAT, TOFEL for BBA Course in ESSEC Global and M.Sc. in Management courses available in the institutes of France, Singapore and Morocco.

Mr. Abdullah from IIHM, Delhi made the students aware of the various avenues in Hospitality Industry which widened their myopic view towards Hotel Management. A question-answer session followed, wherein the students interacted with the resource persons with a calm mind. Their brilliant explanations and instances gave students an insight into their future.

Our inquisitive students from classes XI - XII bagged infinite information about pursuing the career of their choice.



Imparting knowledge to open minds



Mr. Abdullah counselling the students

Gandhi Jayanti

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will." A special assembly was presented on 1st October 2018, which was a sincere effort by the students of our school to give a deep insight into the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi and encouraged them to think about his vision of 'Swachh Bharat'. The assembly began with a special tribute to the 'Father of the Nation', and an eloquent thought that emphasized the importance of the concept of non-violence. The skit presented by the children showcased the role of Bapu in India's struggle for freedom. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas reminded the children that we have to keep alive the Gandhi existing in each one of us by following his principles of truth and non-violence.

Science Exhibition

Rapid developments are taking place in the field of Science and Technology today. New discoveries and findings are brought out by scientists all over the world. Such discoveries and inventions help man in many ways. To encourage our budding scientists and to give them an opportunity to present their scientific ideas, the school organized a Science Exhibition. The exhibits included still models, working models, and projects. These were a feast to our eyes. Students from Classes VI to XII participated in the exhibition. We were able to see young Faradays, Newtons and Edisons among them. The exhibits were creative and attractive. The exhibition was inaugurated by our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

The exhibits included: Working models of solar system, volcanoes, torches, pin hole cameras, the Earth, means of transport, means of communication, models depicting different habitats, models of sense organs and collages related to junk food and healthy food. The visitors were quite impressed with the dedication and grasp of students, and appreciated their endeavours in cultivating a scientific temper.

Annual Sports Meet

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organised its Annual Sports Meet, with great zeal and excitement. The guests of honour for the day were Mrs. Mary George, President, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India and Mrs. D.A Tressler, Chairperson and Director, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India. The event began with a prayer to invoke the blessings of the Almighty. This was followed by the Inter House March Past of the four Houses where in the students displayed their fine marching skills and exemplary discipline. Thereafter the students depicted a wide array of colourful and reverberant presentations. The displays included- 'Get Ready to Wriggle' by the students of Nursery, 'Hoola Hoop Drill' by Class V, 'Kazachok Dance' by Class VI, 'Sha la la' Dance by the tiny tots of K.G,' Shimmer and Shine by Class II and Tip Tap Toe by Class III. The Best Drill Display was bagged by Class VII for their 'Precision Drill'. Each drill exemplified the hard work put in by the students and the teachers. The displays made way for the exciting athletic events which included relays, sack race, obstacle race and flat races. The day ended with encouraging words by our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

Workshop on Maths Lab Training and Refresher Course

A special workshop was conducted by Mr. Rahul Goyal, a resource person from NIIT who introduced the latest 'Methodology of Teaching in Mathematics' to the teachers of our school.

The workshop began with a quick recapitulation on the softwares discussed earlier. Teachers interacted with the resource person and answered every question he asked.

A new software GSP (Geometer Sketch Pad) was introduced that would equip the teachers to draw all the geometrical figures accurately. 'A Hands On Practice' session of Geometer Sketch Pad was conducted wherein all the tools for the construction of geometrical shapes and graphs were discussed.

In this interactive session, teachers learnt to draw a line segment, line, square, triangles, parallel lines, perpendicular lines using the GSP software. Even the construction of graphs, plotting points on the graph, finding area of the geometric figures, labelling the figures etc was also shown.

Thus, the workshop proved to be a good learning experience as it enhanced the teaching skills and well-equipped Maths teachers with the latest techniques of teaching Mathematics .

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The school observed 'Road Safety Week' in the last week of April to focus on the importance of observing traffic rules in order to prevent accidents which take many lives into the jaws of death every day. Students displayed great zeal and devotion throughout the event as it is the need of the hour. Various activities were organised in the campus to sensitize the students. The school pledged to abide by the traffic rules. Dr. Mary Thomas, honourable Principal addressed the gathering and gave valuable instructions regarding traffic rules and emphasized on wearing ISI helmets and seat belts to ensure road safety for all.

SEEK SAFETY
AIM SAFETY
FOLLOW SAFETY
ENSURE SAFETY
TEACH SAFETY
YIELD SAFETY

A Visit to Abner Nelson Memorial First Baptist Church, Anandgram, Delhi

Christmas is the time of giving, sharing, loving and forgiving. The best way to celebrate this joyous festival is by spreading the feeling of love and extending a caring hand.

On 3rd December 2018, the students of the school visited the Abner Nelson Memorial First Baptist Church and were granted this beautiful opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the students of the Church. We were accompanied by Mrs. Mary George, President, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent/Secretary - Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A. Tressler, Chairperson and Director, Somerville Schools, our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas and Rimmi Ma'am along with some students of the school. The students of the church presented hymns and carols and performed a skit. It was followed by a prayer and thereafter scripture portion was read.



Thereafter, we went to the classrooms and distributed gifts among the students. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, informed us about the work done by Lott Carey Baptist in Mission in India by providing quality education to the underprivileged kids.

It was a heart warming experience that taught us the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is not only about gifts and Santa Claus but also about the happiness and satisfaction it brings by spreading love and joy. There is no greater achievement than to be able to light a candle of hope in one's life and to help others in every way possible. Life is a blessing and the Lord teaches us to be magnanimous and share our happiness with the ones who are deprived. Spread love and ignite the candle of kindness to spread the lives of others with cheer. Imbibe the true message of Christmas into your spirit. "God will make a way, He works in ways we cannot see". We were humbled with this noble experience.

---Rishabh Banerjee, XI-B & Kiranpreet Kaur, XI-D

MY EXPERIENCE AS HEAD GIRL

"The Head Girl for the session 2018-2019 is Priyanshi Banerjee"- This sentence echoed all over my head until it finally dawned upon me that I really am the Head Girl.

My journey as the Head Girl has been a roller-coaster ride with its own ups and downs and a lot of adrenaline rush. Like every ride, it does come to an end, giving you joy which you sustain for a long time.

The post helped me realise that the badge is heavier than what it seems to be. It has helped me value discipline, time and management. But most importantly, it has helped me realise that leadership doesn't mean walking ahead of the team, contrary to this, it means walking together with the team.

The greatest lesson learnt is the importance of choosing the right company. My journey has been beautiful as my family and friends did not let me turn into a helium balloon, but helped me remain grounded!

I have had my fair share of praises and scolding. But now, when I retrospect, I can reflect on the fact that more than the praise, the scolding has acted as the motivational fuel. Today, I know what constructive criticism is, it took me a great dread of time to realise this but it has been worth it.

Being the Head Girl of such a reputed institution was never within the jurisdiction of my thoughts, this comes from a girl who has only been the class monitor in fourth grade. I have been an introvert who always wanted to get lost in the crowd but this school has truly harnessed my potential. I remain ever indebted to the school for making me what I am today.

---Priyanshi Banerjee, XII-A, Head Girl

MY EXPERIENCE AS HEAD BOY

I still remember walking towards the microphone on stage to give my speech during the Student Council Election Campaign. I wasn't nervous (perhaps for the first time in my life) because, in my mind at least, I was quite clear about what I had to say. Truth, or at least my perception of it. As far as I was concerned there were many better candidates standing besides me and all I wanted was that the best candidate should be selected. Even if I would have been given a hundred chances to guess who would be selected. I would never think of my name for the first.

My immediate reaction was stressing out again, but what I forgot (and was reminded by my teachers) was that I had with me a team I could count on. Don't get me wrong, I still believe that if someone wants a task done the best way to get it done is by yourself but this statement doesn't mean that one should take the entire burden upon oneself. I was blessed to have an extremely great team with a varied skillset, yet had the same zeal to work, be it volunteering for managing some activity or something as small making placards (make no mistake, I called it small, for someone of my artistic capability, its' definitely not small!). The best part about having a team is not that your work gets divided, rather it is the opportunity you get to learn from your team (and make some friends in the process). The journey just wouldn't have been possible without them!

I have to also be thankful to the school for providing me opportunities of all sorts, be it speaking on stage or managing some event. The thing about responsibility is that one would rarely come across someone who likes taking it on, but one would never come across someone who doesn't gain from it and appreciate it later on. As someone who has written this spending some time thinking can safely say that almost nothing goes to waste. Everything done to build oneself, every opportunity one grabs, it all adds up. I learnt that while perfection is something you always aim for, it's alright to fall short sometimes as those are the times when by learning from your mistakes you set yourself up for perfection.

In the end, I feel that growth is not something you feel, its rather something which happens automatically as one takes on responsibilities and opportunities. Over the course of last year (and the time I have spent in school in general) I got the opportunity to meet and learn from various teachers and students not just as the Head Boy but as an individual, the things that they taught me would probably stay with me forever and would no doubt, constitute who I am as a person in future. I signed up to learn, serve and improve, also had the pleasure of making friends, enjoy and the memories I have now are a bonus!

---Harsh Singh, XII-D, Head Boy

An Interview with Mrs. Ranjana B. Chauhan



Mrs. Ranjana Chauhan retired as PRT English, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA after teaching for almost two decades in the institution. Mrs. Ranjana, a teacher par excellence contributed to the institution immensely. She was an integral part of every sphere of academics and extracurricular activities and worked towards holistic development of the students. Ranjana Ma'am is a cheerful person and at her workplace she maintained cordial relations with everyone. We shall miss her presence in the school.
It is difficult to believe that you would be retiring soon. Our students interviewed Mrs. Ranjana Chauhan.

Question 1 : ***Ma'am, where were you born? Please describe it for us.***
Answer : *I was born in Dehradun, Uttrakhand. It was a paradise for me.*

Question 2 : ***Most adults miss their childhood once they age, what do you miss the most about your childhood, Ma'am?***
Answer : *(laughs) Nothing, I still enjoy my age. Age is just a number.*

Question 3 : ***I would like to ask you what inspired you to become a teacher?***
Answer : *It's just that I come from a family of educationists and singers. So being a teacher was natural.*

Question 4 : ***If you wouldn't have been a teacher, what career do you think you would have pursued?***
Answer : *I would have definitely joined the field of sports. With sports as a career, there is a lot of scope.*

Question 5 : What has been your biggest achievement, Ma'am?

Answer : My biggest fortè is bringing up students like you. I also feel good when I see at least two books in my daughter's bag. I have worked hard to inculcate reading habits among students.

Question 6 : How do you plan to spend your time after retirement?

Answer : Well, I will definitely be doing something more creative. Once a teacher, always a teacher.

Question 7 : What will make you nostalgic, Ma'am when you leave school?

Answer : Since I live close by, I will always miss the school every time I pass by. I owe a lot to this institution as a person and as an educationist.

Question 8 : Ma'am please tell us what is your motto in life?

Answer : My strength in life comes from : Pslam 121... which says: "I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?'
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth."

Question 9 : So Ma'am how was your journey as a teacher and what has been your experience as an English teacher teaching for past years in Somerville School, Greater NOIDA?

Answer : It has been a roller coaster ride for me but I enjoyed it thoroughly. I am proud to have given my best and I was able to inculcate the habit of reading in the students.

Question 10 : Ma'am how long have you been teaching English?

Answer : I have been teaching English in various schools for past 34-35 years.

Question 11: Ma'am what changes have you noticed in the students that you taught earlier and are teaching now?

Answer : The present day students don't realize the importance of grammar they often use slangs. Grammar should be perfect. Use of casual expression is rampant among the youth these days.

Question 12: What is your favourite memory?

Answer : My favourite memory is bringing up my own children and showing them the right path.

Question 13: What are the challenges you faced as an English teacher?

Answer : I struggled with some children but I overcame that challenge with regular hard-work, persistent efforts on behalf of students and parents.

Question 14: ***What would you like to suggest for improvement in the future session?***

Answer : *Children are children. They need constant motivation, self discipline and faith in the righteous.*

Question 15: ***You have performed many roles in life, which one do you like the best and why?***

Answer : *The best role is that of a mother and a teacher. As a mother I helped my children to become good human beings and as a teacher I taught the same to all my students.*

Question 16: ***As you glance back, what is it that you shall cherish the most?***

Answer : *I will cherish every single moment I spent teaching & learning here as a teacher.*

Question 17: ***How have you grown as an individual and as a teacher?***

Answer : *As an individual, I have learnt a lot. I learnt a lot from our beloved Principal Ma'am because, I have been working with her for a very long time. I am techno-savvy today & the cerdit goes to Ma'am.*

Question 18: ***Ma'am, is there anything you feel you could have done in a better way?***

Answer : *No, I am happy and thankful to the Lord for placing me here and guiding me every single day of my life particularly as a teacher. Whatever the situation has been, I've strived for the best.*

It's time for Rapid Fire Round

Your motivation	:	*Lord Jesus said, "Fear not, for I am with you." It's a verse from the Holy Bible.*
Your greatest fear	:	*None*
Your biggest mentor	:	*My Lord and my mother*
Your favourite cuisine	:	*I'm a very poor eater.*
Favourite Book	:	*'He touched me' by Benny Hinn*
Favourite Actor	:	*Vin Diesel*
Favourite Movie	:	*I'm not an avid watcher, but I think 'Pacifier'.*
Favourite Song	:	*'He is my forever friend.'*
Favourite holiday destination:		*Dehradun, there's no place like home.*
Favourite singer	:	*Elvis Presley and Don Moen*

An advice you would like to give to your colleagues:

'Be true to yourself, be loyal and sincere at your workplace'.

An advice you would like to give to all of us :

'Never give up, everything can be achieved.'



April

19th April, 2018
Colouring Competition

Colouring is all about creativity and enhancement.

A Colouring Competition was conducted on 19th April 2018 for Classes Nursery and KG. The children were given different images on the sheets wherein they displayed their skills. The little ones enjoyed the colouring activity.

The theme for Classes Nursery and KG was flower and ice cream. The efforts of the students were applaudable.

The winners of Classes Nursery and KG are as follows:

Position	Students Name	Class	Position	Students Name	Class
1st	Mudranshee	Nursery A	1st	Yuva Sai	KG C
2nd	Hamsa Kaur	Nursery A	2nd	Aniket Khanal	KG D
3rd	Ansh Agarwal	Nursery D	3rd	Ayushman Singh	KG A

May

4th May, 2018
Pink Colour Day

Pink Colour Day was celebrated on 4th May 2018 with zeal and zest by Class KG A. Mrs. Shefali Egbert, Headmistress graced the occasion with her presence. The students welcomed the Headmistress with a pink butterfly and flower pin-up. The celebration began with a soulful prayer.

The class sang the hymn 'God's love is so wonderful'. The children stated facts about Pink fruits and flowers. They spoke about the Pink flamingoes which get their colour from the bacteria in water; Pink gemstones called Rhodochrosite; Pink Japanese trees and the Pink Amazon river dolphin. They also spoke about the pink wonders of the world like Petra, the pink city; Pink sand beach on Harbour Island; Lake Hillier in Western Australia. Pink is not just a colour, it's an attitude and is most often associated with charm, politeness, tenderness, sweetness. It was an educative session for everyone.

Headmistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert delivered the vote of thanks.

July

10th July, 2018
Inter Section Art Competition

An Inter Section Art Competition was held on 10th July 2018 for Classes Nursery and KG. The children coloured the tree.

The following students won the Art Competition from Classes Nursery & K.G:

Position	Students Name	Class	Position	Students Name	Class
1st	Navya	Nursery C	1st	Sasmita	KG B
2nd	Nihaan Srivastava	Nursery D	2nd	Aniket Khanal	KG D
3rd	Ilakshi Dwivedi	Nursery B	3rd	Deeksha Gautam	KG A
4th	Sharanya Singh	Nursery D	4th	Yashasvi Gupta	KG C

11th July, 2018
Green Colour Day

Green is the colour of life, prosperity and growth. It symbolizes nature, fertility and life. The colour also indicates balance and harmony in life. Green is the colour which brings out the positivity in us and enables us to love and nurture ourselves and others unconditionally.

A special assembly was conducted on 11th July 2018 in our Preparatory School to celebrate this day. Speakers from KG B spoke about the importance of different green objects in our environment. These speakers looked beautiful with their green head gears, explaining the green objects with flashcards.

A group class presentation in the form of a rhyme was given by the students. The students took part in the class presentation with great zeal.

It was an enriching class experience for the children too as they learnt about different green coloured objects and their significance.

12th July, 2018
Arbour Day Celebration

Arbour Day was celebrated on 12th July 2018. The tiny tots of Nursery Wing were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the tree plantation drive. Students were informed about the importance of trees and their role in saving the environment. Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal and Ms. Shefali Egbert, Headmistress graced the occasion.

13th July, 2018
Special Assembly – Environment Protection

Environment Protection Day was celebrated on 13th July 2018. Protecting our environment has become a major concern. The students of Class Nursery recited a poem titled 'tree' and they also recited a poem on how important trees are. On this occasion children from Class KG A spoke a few lines on the significance of Arbour Day.

Students also recited a poem on 'Our Earth'. The children of Class KG C danced to the tunes of 'Earth we're in it together'.

Students were encouraged to keep their surroundings clean and to plant more trees.

August

6th August, 2018
Orange Colour Day

Colours play a significant role in our lives. They make our life colourful. To give the children recognition of Orange colour, special assembly was conducted on 6th August 2018 at Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA.

Students of Class KG spoke about various orange colour objects using colourful and bright orange coloured flash cards. Some important facts were also shared by the students. The assembly concluded with an orange colour rhyme which was enjoyed by all. It was an enriching and joyful learning experience for the students.

8th August, 2018
Kite Making Competition

Kite Making Competition for Classes Nursery and K.G was held on 8th August 2018.

The students participated in the competition with full zeal and fervour. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to showcase their creativity. The winners of event are as follows:

Position	Students Name	Class	Position	Students Name	Class
1st	Navya	Nursery C	1st	Mysha Khan	K.G C
2nd	Nihaan Srivastava	Nursery D	2nd	Jaisnavi Baghel	K.G D
3rd	Ilakshi Dwivedi	Nursery B	3rd	Rishabh Singh	K.G A
4th	Sharanya Singh	Nursery D	4th	Kanika Rajput	K.G B

14th August, 2018
Special Assembly – Independence Day

A special assembly was held on the eve of Independence Day, 14th August 2018. The programme commenced by invoking the blessings of the Almighty. Our little stars spoke on the significance of Independence Day.

An Inter Section Patriotic Song Competition was also organised for Classes Nursery and KG to inculcate patriotic fervor and love for the country. The judges for the day were Mrs. Savita and Mrs. Pooja. Everyone appreciated the efforts of the students and the teachers.

The winners for Classes Nursery & K.G are as follows:

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery D	Nursery B and Nursery C	Nursery A
KG D	KG B	KG C

21st August, 2018

Eid is a sacred celebration when the believers of Islam come together with the promises of charity, kindness, harmony and brotherhood.

Eid was celebrated in Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA on 21st August 2018 by Classes Nursery and KG students.

The programme started with the Lord's Prayer which was followed by enactment of celebration of

Eid by Nursery children. KG children spoke about the significance of festival. The programme concluded with a dance performance which was enjoyed by all.

24th August, 2018
Rakhi Making Competition

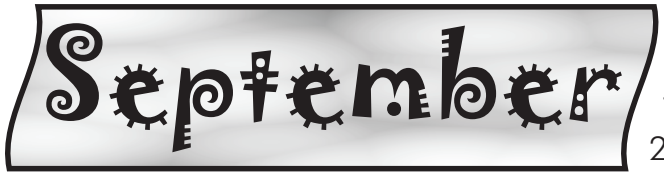
Raksha Bandhan is a precious and pious occasion to celebrate the beauty of love between a brother and a sister. The tradition of tying a holy thread, 'Rakhi' around the wrist of the brothers by their sisters symbolizes raksha (protection). A 'Rakhi Making Competition' was held at Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA for Classes Nursery and K.G.

The winners of Classes Nursery & K.G are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery A	Aishani Maitra	Yash Rai	Shanaya Sharma
Nursery B	Dev Yaminee	Shanvi Pandey	Sayyad Azfur Mohd. Abidi
Nursery C	Ridhan Srivastava	Aahana Khandelwal	Kratisha Sikarwar
Nursery D	Vansh Keshri	Shivansh Banik	Ayush Raghav
KG A	Advaith Ajith	Rohan Kumar	Aarna Pandey
KG B	Saanvi Agarwal	Anshika Mohapatra	Adamya Singh
KG C	Mysha Khan	Anika3rd	Ayush Kumar
KG D	Mohnish Bhardwaj	Akshit Jhard	Kashvi Yadav

31st August, 2018
Special Assembly – Janmashtami

A special assembly was organised on the 31st August 2018. Students of Class KG spoke a few lines on the festival. Nursery students enthusiastically danced to the tune of 'Maiya Yashodha'. The students of Class KG danced gracefully on the song 'Chote Chote Gaiya'. The students were applauded for their efforts.



5th September, 2018
Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September 2018 to mark the birth of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was a great educationist, a teacher and also the second President of India.

The students of Preparatory School celebrated it on 4th September 2018. Students of Kindergarten acquainted the audience about S. Radhakrishnan and his teachings.

Students spoke on the word 'TEACHER' in their own way, concluding it with their foot tapping dance performance on the song 'can't stop the feeling'.

It was a great tribute to the teachers and a new learning experience for the students.

10th to 14th September, 2018
Healthy Food Week

Healthy Food Week was organised from 10th September to 14th September 2018. A circular was

given to the students to follow the menu for the week to inculcate the habit of eating nutritious food. The benefits of eating fruits and vegetables were introduced by showing a video on the smart board.

11th September, 2018
Blue Colour Day

Colours add meaning and beauty to life. Without colours the world would have been like a blank canvas. So to add more beauty in life, students of Class KG D celebrated Blue Colour Day on 11th September 2018 with great enthusiasm. All the teachers of Class KG and the students graced the occasion.

The special assembly began with a prayer. Mishti Singh of Class KG D hosted the programme wonderfully. Students shared some interesting facts about the colour blue. They talked about 'Miami blue butterfly', 'Blue Tang fish', sky, earth, water, blue bell flowers and many such blue things.

Blue colour is associated with calm and stability which reflected in these kids. Later students presented a song on the colour blue. The assembly was well presented and appreciated by everyone. It was an educative and learning experience for the tiny tots.

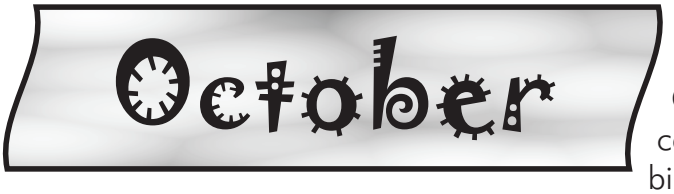
27th September, 2018
Grandparents Day Celebration

Grandparents are the strong foundation of a family. They are the greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest story tellers and the keepers of traditions. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close to their heart. To honour them, Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA celebrated Grandparents Day on 27th September 2018.

The function started by welcoming the grandparents. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas and Headmistress, Ms. Shefali Egbert graced the occasion. The students of Classes Nursery and KG sang songs and danced beautifully for their grandparents.

The enthusiastic grandparents as well as their grandchildren made this event a success with their presence.

Our honourable Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas delivered the vote of thanks. It was a success indeed and we were pleased to witness the enthusiasm and love of the grandparents.



2nd October, 2018
Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti is a national festival celebrated in India to mark the occasion of the birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. It is celebrated on 2nd October every year. He was a great freedom fighter who fought for India's Independence.

The students of Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA celebrated the occasion on

Monday, 1st October, 2018.
The students spoke about the important teachings of Gandhiji and few important aspects of his life. Students of kindergarten also presented an action song 'Hum Bacche Hain'.
They were told about the significance of cleanliness drive and were encouraged to keep their surroundings clean.

11th October, 2018

An Inter Section English Recitation Competition for Classes Nursery and KG was held. The students recited poems with actions and great enthusiasm. The teachers as well as students showed equal enthusiasm.

The winners of Classes Nursery & K.G are as follows:

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery D	Nursery B	Nursery A
KG C	KG A	KG B

17th October, 2018

Special Assembly – Dussehra

Keeping the festive spirit alive, the students of Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA celebrated Dussehra on the 17th October 2018.
The teachers enacted a scene from the 'Ramayana' to celebrate the festival that teaches the victory of good over evil. The students were asked a few questions on Dussehra.
It was well organised and an interactive programme.



6th November, 2018

Special Assembly – Diwali

Diwali is one of the most famous festival in India. It was celebrated at Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA on 6th November 2018 with great joy and enthusiasm.
Mrs. Shefali Egbert, Headmistress, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA was the special guest for the day.
The programme started by welcoming our Headmistress Ma'am and was followed by a prayer. Children of Class KG spoke on the significance of celebrating the festival. Nursery recited a melodious rhyme on the topic 'Diwali'. The programme concluded with a dance 'Happy Diwali' presented by Class KG.
It was a welcome start to the festive season.

14th November, 2018

Special Assembly – Children's Day

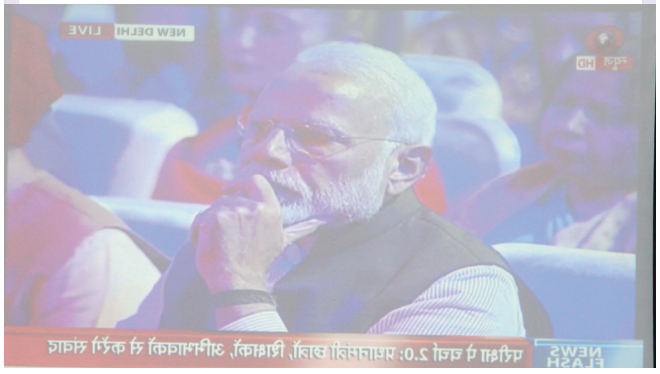
The birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru is celebrated as Children's Day every year. On 14th November 2018 Somerville Preparatory School, Greater

PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA

When exams are round the corner Shri Narendra Modi, Honourable Prime Minister interacts with students to discuss through live telecast their exam fears. It was a great experience as students listened to the advice of one of the greatest orators of the country. His witty replies and perspective about exams and life in general was astounding. Students learnt a lot about self-confidence and upholding knowledge over rote learning.















ANNUAL DAY- SENIOR SCHOOL

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated the Senior School Annual Function on 30th November 2018. It was an affair to remember as the jubilant students of Classes VIII, IX and X enthralled the audience with their marvelous presentation of the Broadway hit Musical: 'Wicked'.

Vice Principal, Ms Monisha Claudius welcomed the distinguished members of the management which was followed by a hymn. With the song 'No One Mourns the Wicked' the audience were transported to the Land of Oz. The story of the musical 'Wicked' revolves around two young women Glinda and Elphaba whose lives take different paths after an encounter with the 'Wizard of Oz'. The story reflects upon love, loss, hatred, envy and an unwillingness to accept anything that is different.

Live singing by the Western Music choir mesmerized the guests who applauded them for their wonderful singing. The troupe of dancers dressed in amazing costumes tapped their feet to the ensemble numbers. The work of Art Department was par excellence as the props and accessories made by the art teachers added to the visual appeal of the show.

The musical ended on the note, 'Let goodness win over wickedness'. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas delivered the vote of thanks and appreciated the efforts of the staff and students in putting up a great show.



'The Musical-Wicked ' Presented by Students of Classes VIII, IX &XI



The Governor of Munchkin land shocked to see the unnaturally green baby



Elphaba and Glinda express their loathing for each other's contrasting personalities



Glinda meets Fiyero, the Winkie Prince



Madam Morrible the Headmistress at Shiz University



Elphaba stares at herself



Fiyero, Glinda,Nessarose and Boq meet in the Ozdust Ballroom



The Prelude-'No one Mourns the Wicked'



Glinda and Elphaba in a conversation



The sisters 'unknown'



'Dancing through life'



Elphapa and Fiyero at Kiamo ko Castle



Elphaba Saves the scared lion cub



Here Comes the Wizard of Oz!



Inside the Wizard's Palace



Elphaba chants a Spell



Glinda- the Good Witch



Nessarose, the New Governor of Munchkinland



Nessa, Boq and Glinda bid Elphaba goodbye



It's Magic..Nessa jerks her foot into the air



Oh ! What a Celebration..!



The Wizard's Chamber

ANNUAL DAY- SENIOR SCHOOL



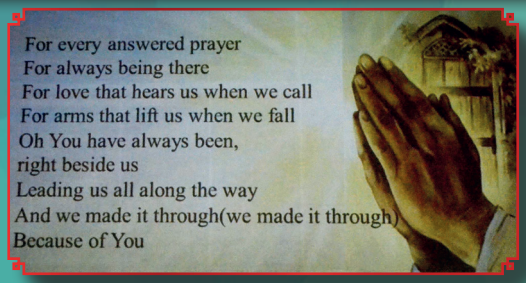
Regally dressed Morrible and Glinda



One short day at Wiz-O-Mania



Words of Appreciation by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



With the Almigty's Blessings



Ah - Toom - Tah - Nessa chants the Spell



The Grand Finale

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



Angel Gabriel visits Mary



Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem



Angel Gabriel brings the Good News to the shepherds



The true meaning of Christmas



Christ, the King of Kings born in a humble manger



A family preparing for Christmas



Love came down at Christmas

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



Heavenly host of Angels singing Glory to God in the Highest



'Love was born on Christmas'



A mother explains the birth of Lord Jesus Christ to the children



Angels rejoice at the birth of Christ



"We Worship You, We Give You Thanks"



The Administrative Staff of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA singing carols



The participants of the Christmas Assembly with our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas

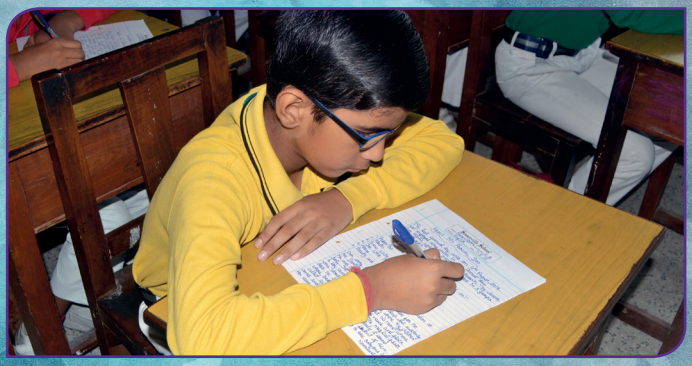
English and Hindi Creative Writing



Being Creative



Expressing their ideas through words



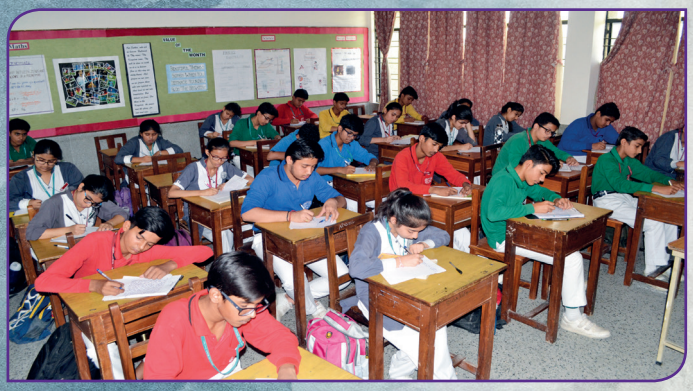
Creativity at its best



Young minds at work



A Showcase of Linguistic Skills



English Creative Writing in Progress



Students try their hand at calligraphy

NOIDA celebrated the day with enthusiasm. The teachers enacted a skit from the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and amused the kids. Later the teachers and students danced to the tunes of the song 'Bum Bum Bole'. The students enjoyed the day by watching a movie in their respective classes.

22nd November, 2018
Special Assembly – Guru Nanak Jayanti

Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated in Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA on 22nd November 2018. To observe this occasion, Classes Nursery and KG presented a special assembly. Few students came dressed in traditional sikh attire and the assembly commenced with a prayer. Some students then came forward to share useful information relating to the teachings of Guru Nanak. 'Ek Onkar' prayer was chanted by the students in reverence and homage.

December

7th December, 2018
Inter Section Dance Competition Nursery & KG

With the aim of honing the dancing skills of the students, an Inter Section Dance Competition for Classes Nursery and KG was organised on 7th December 2018. The students enjoyed dancing. The spectators bore witness to the enthusiasm and energy of the young children as they enthralled everyone with their performances.

The winners of Classes Nursery and KG are as follows:

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery C	Nursery D	Nursery A and Nursery B
KG C	KG D	KG A and KG B

20th December, 2018
Christmas Celebrations

The month of December brings a lot of hope and glad tidings. To spread the message of love the children of Classes Nursery and KG of Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA presented a spectacular assembly on the 20th December 2018. The programme started with a prayer followed by a few lines on Christmas. The students danced with joy and enthusiasm. Children sang carrols. A skit was performed by the students of Nursery and KG to bring to light the meaning of Christmas. It truly was a joyous start to the holidays.

January

21st January, 2019
Story Narration Competition

Story telling is a unique human skill shared between people and is one of the oldest art forms. To build confidence, enhance speaking skills and stimulate one's imagination, a story narration competition was held for the students of

Classes Nursery and KG on 18th January and 21st January 2019 respectively at Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA.

The winners of Classes Nursery & KG are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery A	Mudranshee Mohapatra	Aishani Maitra	Shanaya Sharma Ashvika Rao
Nursery B	Shanvi Pandey	Anika Gupta	Ishaani Kharbanda
Nursery C	Atharv Balyan	Ahmad Yusuf	Aarav Maurya
Nursery D	Shaurya Kesarwani	Ansh Agarwal	Dhriti Singh
Consolation : Shivansh Banik			
KG A	Abigail	Aarna Pandey	
KG B	Samriddi Srivastava	Adamya Singh Anshika Mohapatra	Kiyansh Trivedi
KG C	Eva Kuttickal	Pragya Singh	Bhavi Budhwar Konda Srinidhi Reddy
KG D	Mohnish and Mrinaal	Anishka Singh	Atharv Goel and Brishti

25th January, 2019

Republic Day – Special Assembly

Republic Day is not just a national festival but a celebration of democracy and independence. This is the day when we remember our freedom fighters and thank them by paying tribute to them for their immense sacrifice. It is because of them that we are living in a democratic nation and breathing in an independent country.

A special assembly was conducted on 25th January 2019 at Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA to celebrate this day. The students of Class Nursery started the celebration with a lovely poem.

The students of Class KG A presented the well known and much loved song 'Saare Jahan Se Accha'. The students of Class KG C then took over the stage and enlightened us all with important facts about the Republic Day. Another inspiring and patriotic song 'Aee Watan' was beautifully sung by KG D students. KG B completed the celebrations with a lovely poem.

It was a great experience for the children too as they learnt about one of the most important days in the history of our nation and experienced a sense of camaraderie and bonding in the celebration of the Republic Day.

The day was made all the more special, thanks to the presence of our Headmistress who gave us her valuable time and shared with us words of wisdom and encouragement.

February

22nd February, 2019

Craft Competition

A Craft Competition was held on 22nd February 2019. The students showed a lot of enthusiasm in making the craft. It gave the

students a chance to be creative.
The winners of Classes Nursery and KG are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery A	Shambhavi Khanna	Kavya Jaiswal	Lakshya Teotia
Nursery B	Avni	Saarah	Himanshi
Nursery C	Aadya Singh	Aardhya	Ahmed Yusuf
Nursery D	Vansh Keshri	Agam	Riyanshi Baghel
KG A	Unnati Chandra	Shreyansh Pradhan	Aviraj Singh
KG B	Siddharth Singh	Tejas Chaudhary	Navleen Kaur Taunque
KG C	Atulya Tej Singh Kushwah	Prachi Lakhra	Aanvi Thapa
Consolation : Abhigyan Pandey			
K.G D	Anishka Singh	Kanika Nagar	Atharv Goel

8th February & 12th February, 2019
Best out of Waste Competition

In an initiative to generate the habit of using old things to create beautiful crafts, a concept which has global significance, a 'Best Out of Waste' competition was held for Classes Nursery and KG on 8th February and 12th February 2019 respectively.

The winners of Classes Nursery & KG are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position	Consolation
Nursery A	Vihaan Anand	Aaryash Sharma	Paras Srivastava	Shanaya Sharma Sashwat Vishvas
Nursery B	Yuvaan Vikram	Dev Yaminee	Ridit Khulve	Saarah Maryam Akshaj Kumar
Nursery C	Uday Tomer	Ridhan	Vivek Nagar	Amay Paliwal Yash
Nursery D	Samarth Tiwari	Shaurya Vikram	Ayush Raghav	Humaira Ahamad Aaban Saifi
KG A	Abigail Konghar	Mithra M.	Aarna Pandey	Shaun Stephen Rimjhim
KG B	Samarveer	Saismita	Ojas Dwivedi	Raghav Kumar Arav Verma
KG C	Utkarsh Pathak	Sanket Sharma	Prachi Lakra	Srinidhi Konda Ayesha Mansoor
KG D	Kashvi Yadav	Nevina Sirohi	Avni Upadhyay	Atharv Goel Vansh Deshwar

20th February, 2019
Fancy Dress Competition

Scholastic and co-scholastic activities have an equal importance in school programme for the all round development of the child. Keeping this in view, Fancy Dress Competition was held in Somerville Preparatory School, Greater NOIDA on 20th February 2019. The purpose of

conducting the competition was not only to blend learning with fun but also to develop confidence in the students by giving them an opportunity to get on the stage and speak in front of an audience. Children dressed up in their colourful costumes and spoke few lines on the character they depicted. The effort was highly commendable.

Winners are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position	Consolation
Nursery A	Arhan	Mudranshee	Vihaan	Aaishani
Nursery B	Ridit	Araiya	Shaanvi	Anika Ishaani
Nursery C	Ayon	Aditi and Ahmed	Uday	Aahana
Nursery D	Shaurya Kesarwani	Suhani	Shivansh Banik	Ayush
KG A	Aniket	Praneel	Ankush	Aarna Pandey
KG B	Siddharth	Anshika Mohapatra	Aahana Adish	
KG C	Eva	Ayesha	Pragya	Parth
KG D	Vihaan Jha Mohnish	Nevina	Mrinaal	



1st March, 2019

Handwriting Competition

Handwriting is a part of our identity. The process of handwriting promotes clear thought. To encourage the students to develop a beautiful and neat handwriting an intersection handwriting competition for Classes Nursery and KG was held on 1st March 2019.

The winners of event are as follows:

Class	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Nursery A	Mudranshee	Kavya	Shanaya and Vihaan Anand
Nursery B	Dev Yaminee	Araiya	Divyanshi
Nursery C	Namish	Ahmad	Anshuman
Nursery D	Driti Singh	Anika Shukla	Abaan Saif
KG A	Ayushman Singh	Aniket Sharma	Mithra M.
KG B	Siddhartha Singh	Samriddhi Srivastava	Yugvardhan Singh
KG C	Noorudeen Khan	Pragya Singh	Utkarsh Pathak
KG D	Nandini Yadav	Harshita Singh	Aniket Khanal

EVS Exhibition



Display Board of Class-I, EVS Exhibition



Parents viewing the board with great interest



Display Board on Road Signs - Class III



An interesting interaction between parents & students



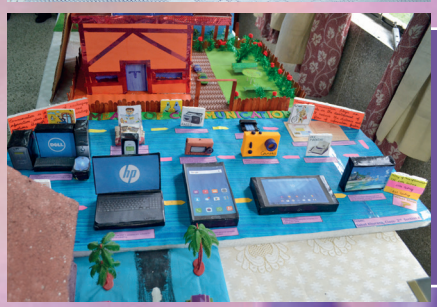
Parents taking keen interest in the display



An attractive project on Means of Transport



Different models of Natural Habitat





A student explains the different kinds of man-made houses

Environment Week



Environment week



Little hands at Work



Let's do our bit to save the environment



Tear and paste activity by class I



Skillful hands at work



Book mark making by Class II



Reduce, reuse and recycle



Making use of waste --
activity by Class III students



Go green

Environment Week



Students prepare posters on
'Say no to plastic bags'



Lets bring awareness about our environment



Poster making competition on ' Save the Environment'



Learning to keep the Class room clean



A teacher explains the importance of cleanliness

Inter Class Hindi Recitation



Anvi Agnihotri - III D stood First in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Toshali Sharma - III A stood Second in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Agam Khatri - III A stood Third in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Shreya Joshi - III C stood Third in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Soumya Pandey - IV A stood Second in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Adya Choudhary - IV B stood First in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Aditi Kaushik - IV C stood First in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Shristi Sharma - IV D stood Third in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Shoury - V A stood First in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Vaaruni Choudhary - V D stood Second (Solo)



Anishka Tyagi - V B stood Third in the Inter Section Hindi Recitation Competition (Solo)



Inter Section Hindi Recitation (Group) - V D- First Position



Inter Section Hindi Recitation (Group) - IV C-Stood First



Inter Section Hindi Recitation (Group) - III B - First Position

Inter House Dance Competition



Our blooming Comperer - Malishka Singh



Mrs. Priti Bhoumik and Mrs. Puneet Virdi Roy Judges for the Competition



David House mesmerising the audience with their performance



David House dancing to express on the rhythm of 'Just Dance'



Solomon House all set to put the stage on fire



Solomon House -It's isn't just dance...It's magic



Moses House presenting 'Shiva Stotram Fusion'



Moses House depicting eternal life



Fitness aspirants of Daniel House



A scintillating performance by Daniel House

Inter House Indian Music Competition



Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas encouraging the students



Solo Performance by - Sambhit Kumar Dash - V B



Solo Performance by- Nandini Awana - V D of Moses House stood 2nd



Solo Performance By - Pragalbh Dwivedi - V A of David House stood 1st



Solo Performance by - Anaya Arafat - III C of Solomon House stood 3rd



Duet Performance by - Nandini Awana - V D and Atharv Garg - V C of Moses House stood 2nd



Duet Performance by - Snighdha P.Nair - V C and Aseema Singh - V C



Duet Performance by - Zoya Prasad - IV D and Shristi Sharma - IV D of David House stood 1st



Duet Performance by - Satakshi - V A and Vaaruni Tripathi - V C of Solomon House stood 3rd

Inter House Indian Music Competition



Inter House Indian Music Competition - Group Song by Solomon House 3rd Position



Inter House Indian Music Competition - Group Song by David House 1st Position



Inter House Indian Music Competition -Group Song by Daniel House 3rd Position



Inter House Indian Music Competition -Group Song by Moses House 2nd Position

Inter House Indian Music Competition - Senior





Solo Performance by Varnika Mathur



Daniel House - First Position in Inter House Indian Music Competition



Indian Music Competition: Instrumental Category

Inter House Indian Music Competition - Senior



Inter House Indian Music Competition - Second position - Moses House



Inter House Indian Music Competition- Second Position - Daniel House (Male Solo)



Indian Music Competition: Solomon House

Inter House Spellathon - Juniors



Little minds at work



Spellings are fun



Proud Winners of Class III,
Moses House stood First



Class III students of
Daniel House stood Second



Class III students of Solomon House
stood Third



Spelling Wizards at work



Happy to participate



Working hard on spelling



Third Position-David House Class IV



We all know it



Class IV students of Moses House stood 1st

Inter House Spellathon - Juniors



Class IV students of Daniel House stood Second



Class V students of Solomon House stood First



Class V students of Daniel House stood Second



Class V students of David House stood Third



Class III students of David House stood Third



Class IV students of Solomon House stood Second

Counselling Session



An interactive session with the audience



Imparting knowledge to open minds



Mr. Abdullah counselling the students

Janmashtami Assembly



Arrival of Pandavas


Courtroom Scene


Colourful enactment of Krishnaleela



Dancing dolls of Classes I and II


Victory of Good over Evil


A joyful celebration


Dance by students of Junior School



The little participants with Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas

PRIMARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
ALMANAC 2018 -19

APRIL

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

2nd April, 2018

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

18th - 19th April, 2018

Inter Section English and Hindi Creative Writing & Handwriting Competition (II to V)

The purpose of creative writing is to express and share human experience.

English and Hindi Creative Writing Competition for Classes II to V was conducted on 18th April 2018 by the English and Hindi teachers in their respective periods. Each class was given three topics to prepare and students had to write on any one topic. Participation was an enthusiastic one, students displayed their imagination and writing skills very well.

Winners were selected on the basis of their creativity, imagination and flow of thoughts.

RESULT

English Creative Writing (Classes II to V)

Position	Name	Class
1st	Sakthi Shri M	II D
2nd	Lehan Ghosh	II C
3rd	Anika Yadav	II B
1st	Kunal Bhardwaj	III D
2nd	Shreyajoshi	III C
3rd	Sumay Singh	III C
3rd	Anvi Agnihotri	III D
1st	Nitya Chhatwani	IV B
1st	Shray Basant Johar	IV B
2nd	Ritanya Thakur	IV C
2nd	Deva Nanda	IV A
3rd	Umair Ahmad	IV D
3rd	Noah Sahu	IV D
1st	Naman Mishra	V B
1st	Arjun Gupta	V A
2nd	Vanshaj Chaudhary	V A

2nd	Sanjana Ghosh	V D
3rd	Nishita Yadav	V B
3rd	Anweesha Satapathy	V A

An Inter Class Handwriting Competition was also conducted on 18th April 2018. Students displayed exemplary skills to showcase their handwriting, formation of letters and consistency. The winners were judged on the basis of formation of letters, legibility and consistency.

Result

English Handwriting (Classes II to V)

Position	Name	Class
1st	Aarna Tripathi	II D
2nd	Anika Yadav	II B
3rd	Advika Ravindra Jeure	II A
1st	Jacob J. Akara	III A
2nd	Shyamal Garg	III B
3rd	Navya	III C
1st	Rityana Thakur	IV C
1st	Taanusha Mishra	IV A
2nd	Adya Choudhary	IV B
3rd	Paanvi Bhatt	IV D
1st	Prapti Yadav	V D
1st	Sabhyata Singh	V B
2nd	Anvi Shukla	V B
2nd	Nishita Yadav	V B
3rd	Satakshi	V A
3rd	Anishka Tyagi	V B

19th April, 2018

अंर्तकक्षीय हिंदी रचनात्मक लेखन एंव सुलेख प्रतियोगिता

छात्रों में रचनात्मक क्रियाशीलता को बढ़ाने हेतु विद्यालय में रचनात्मक लेखन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें कक्षा द्वितीय से लेकर कक्षा पंचम तक के विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। और अपनी कल्पनाशीलता को पंख देने का कार्य किया। इस प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम कुछ इस प्रकार रहें :

परिणाम

हिंदी रचनात्मक लेखन (कक्षा II - V)

Position	Name	Class
1st	Sumanyu Garg	II D
2nd	Srihan Neogl	II B
3rd	Lehan Ghosh	II C
1st	Shyamal Garg	III B
2nd	Abhishek Tripathi	III B

3rd	Deepika Mishra	III A
1st	Lakshita Singh	IV B
2nd	Paavni Bhatt	IV D
3rd	Eliza	IV C
1st	Md. Zaid	V D
2nd	Ruchika Singh	V A
3rd	Akshita Arora	V B

कहावत हैं कि आपका लेख ही आपके व्यक्तित्त्व की पहचान होता है। बच्चों में इसी भावना को भरने हेतु सुलेख प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें भाग लेकर छात्रों ने अपने लेखन कौशल से मन को मोह लिया और हमारी प्रतियोगिता के उद्देश्य को पूर्ण किया।

परिणाम

हिंदी सुलेख प्रतियोगिता (कक्षा II - V)

Position	Name	Class
1st	Arpita Singh	II B
1st	Saket Khurana	II A
2nd	Srihan Neogi	II B
3rd	Manya Singh	II D
1st	Anvi Agnihotri	III D
2nd	Deepika Mishra	III A
3rd	Krati Garg	III C
1st	Lakshita Singh	IV B
2nd	Rahini Virmani	IV A
3rd	Pavithra Ramachandran	IV D
1st	Ruchika Singh	V A
2nd	Kashish Kamboj	V B
3rd	Anshika	V C

23rd April, 2018

INVESTITURE CEREMONY JUNIOR SCHOOL (2018-2019)

"We are made wise not by the recollections of our past, but by the responsibility for the future".

---George Bernard Shaw

The Junior School Investiture Ceremony was held on 23rd April 2018. The programme began with a prayer followed by a hymn. The new Council Members displayed pride as they took over their responsibilities from the outgoing Council Members. The Head Girl led the new Council Members to take the Oath, wherein they pledged to carry out their duties with devotion and sincerity, and to set an example for their fellow-mates holding high the name of their school.

Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas conferred the badges and sashes to the new Council Members and shared words of wisdom with the students and the Council Members. Also present during the ceremony were-the Vice Principal and the Headmistress. The programme ended with a Prayer and the School song.

26th April, 2018

"Music - one of the easiest ways to motivate yourself". --- A. J. WINTERS

The Inter House Western Music Competition was held on 26th April 2018 in the Inner Quadrangle. The Competition comprised of two categories- Solo and Group. All the participants were trained under the guidance of Western Music Teachers and house teachers. They enthralled the audience with their melodious singing. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas and the judges greatly appreciated the talent of the budding singers. The event aimed to give the young talent a platform to showcase their singing.

Result

Inter House Western Music Competition

Solo Category:

Position	Name	Class	House
1st	Malishka Singh	V D	David
2nd	Mysha Mariyam	IV A	Daniel
3rd	Nandni Awana	V D	Moses

Group Category:

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Moses House	David & Daniel House	Solomon House

Winners

1st Position : Moses House	2nd Position : David House
Student Name & Class/Sec	**Student Name & Class/Sec**
Ridhi Sharma, V D	Sharon Stephen, V A
Prapti Yadav, V D	Pragalbh Dwivedi, V A
Nandni Awana, V D	Divyanshree Ray, V A
Atharv Garg, V C	Aditya Yadav, V A
Harshit Kumar Sharma, V B	Sharvani Mishra, V A
Akarsh Garg, V B	Naman Mishra, V B
Nilay Singh, V B	Anvi Shukla, V B
Aradhya Goyal, V A	Ayush Ojha, V B
Shoury, V A	Yashi Singh, V C
Sarthak Kaushik, V A	Rushil Ivan Egbert, V D
Ishitv Arya, V A	Malishka Singh, V D
Gaurav Chandra Dash, IV A	Aarav Yuvraj Singh, IV A
Md. Aariz Khan, IV A	Rinna Ann Rency, IV A
P. Timothy Immanuel, IV A	Aditi Sharma, IV A
Adya Choudhary, IV B	Aditi Sharma, IV C
Rohit P Nambiar, IV B	Pratyush Gupta, IV C
Alida Shifa Lal, IV D	Aditi Choudhary, IV D
Spandan Tripathi, IV D	Zoya Prasad, IV D
Aishwarya Shukla, III A	Yashasvi Singh, IV D
Riddhiman Chetiapatra, III B	Saarah Sami, IV D

Aditya Choudhary, III C
Aarohi Mukhopadhyay, III D
Aashi, III D

Shrishti Sharma, IV D
Manasvi Sharma, IV D
Pawni Bhatt, IV D
Deepika, III A
Saanvi Sapru, III A
Jayantika, III A
Vanshika Singh, III A
Anshika Singh, III A
Hosanna Biju, III B
Cherish Anand, III B
Manali Chauhan, III C

2nd Position : Daniel House
Student Name & Class/Sec

Ashriya Varshney, IV B
Aaditya Shukla, III B
Sanchita Singh, IV C
Abhinav Sharma, V B
Sambit Kumar Dash, V B
Anubhav Bhardwaj, IV A
Sarah Fatima, IV A
Atharva Parashar, IV D
Darsh Gupta, IV B
Snigdha P Nair, V C
Gargi Mukherjee, V D
Ridhima Sharma, III A
Deepika Mishra, III A
Agam Khatri, III A
Anshika Rai, IV A
Mysha Mariyam, IV A
Yaswin Bothra, III B
K. Nitesh Kumar, III A
Joel Baliar Singh, IV D
Anvi Agnihotri, III D
Khushi Vashisth, IV A
Sara, IV A
Aman Shukla, IV B
Lavanya Gupta, IV D
Rufus Rency Mathew, V A
Angad S Rajput, III B

3rd Position : Solomon House
Student Name & Class/Sec

Satakshi, V A
Vrinda Maheswari, V B
Sabhyata Singh, V B
Saksham Singh, V B
Aarush Sharma, V C
Ishan Yadav, V D
Arsh Verma, V D
Sriyanka Sharma, V D
Rahini Virmani, IV A
Naman Singh, IV A
Yashika Singh, IV A
Khushi Sharma, IV B
Aditya N Pande, IV B
Eliza Zehra Naqvi, IV C
Maahin Abeer, IV D
Noah Sahu, IV D
Riddhi Srivastava, IV D
Srinita Chakraborty, IV D
Adhishree Chaudhary, III D
Anushree Gupta, III D
Zikra Naved, III A
Yashaswini Patra, III A
Ananya Sharma, III A
Toshali Sharma, III B
Mriganka Sajwan, III B
Anaya Arafat, III C
Yashvi Pathak, III C

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In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.

03rd May, 2018

Inter House Spellathon Competition for Classes III to V was held in the Senior AV Room on 3rd May 2018.

The selection of students was done by the respective English teachers on the basis of a Spelling Test conducted in the class. Students who scored the highest were selected for the competition. The Spellathon Competition comprised of five rounds. Each team was well prepared and displayed enthusiasm and alertness to go through each round in the best way. The students enjoyed the Competition and it ended on a joyful note. Principal Dr. Mary Thomas praised and applauded them for their excellent performance.

Results

Inter House Spellathon Competition

Position	Name	Class/Sec	House
1st	Arjun Gupta	V A	Solomon
	Mahima Dhanraj	V B	
	Aarush Sharma	V C	
	Vaaruni Chaudhary	V D	
2nd	Vrishank Gupta	V A	Daniel
	Madhav J. Nambiar	V B	
	Abhinav Samal	V C	
	Gargi Mukherjee	V D	
3rd	Divyanshree Ray	V A	David
	Nishita Yadav	V B	
	Yashi Singh	V C	
	Malishka Singh	V D	

Position	Name	Class/Sec	House
1st	Gaurav Dash	IV A	Moses
	Adya Choudhary	IV B	
	Chaitanya Singh	IV C	
	Umair Ahmad	IV D	
2nd	Taanusha Mishra	IV A	Daniel
	Om Raghuvanshi	IV B	
	Navyansh Sharma	IV C	
	Harshit Nagar	IV D	
2nd	Naman Singh	IV A	Solomon
	Sheetal	IV B	
	Ritanya Thakur	IV C	

	Noah Sahu	IV D	
3rd	Aditi Sharma	IV A	David
	Priyanshu Karn	IV B	
	Sahil Vats	IV C	
	Paavni Bhatt	IV D	

Position	Name	Class/Sec	House
1st	Ayush Yadav	III A	Moses
	Shourya Shandilya	III B	
	Sumay Singh	III C	
	Aarohi Mukhopadhyay	III D	
2nd	Deepika Mishra	III A	Daniel
	Yashwin Bothra	III B	
	Utkarsh Garg	III C	
	Abhi Mishra	III D	
3rd	Yashaswani Patra	III A	Solomon
	Neelabh Basu	III B	
	Aarav	III C	
	Kunal Bhardwaj	III D	
3rd	Abhay Singh Panwar	III A	David
	Abhishek Tripathi	III B	
	Shreya Joshi	III C	
	Kinshuk Tripathi	III D	

8th May, 2018

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul of the body". ---Martha Graham

An Inter House Dance Competition was held on 8th May 2018 in the Senior AV Room. The theme being KALEIDOSCOPE, - depicted a constantly changing sequence of colours - vibrant and dazzling to witness-blue, red, yellow, green representing the House colours too. The dancers gracefully danced to the beat of the songs which were well selected. The participants enthralled the audience with their respective performances. Each House had a surprise in store for the judges as well. The effort of the dance teachers and House Mistresses all put together made it a splendid show.

Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas applauded the performance of the students and encouraged them.

Results of the event are as follows:

Inter House Dance Competition

1st position	2nd Position	3rd Position
David House	Solomon House	Daniel House

1st position : David House
Students Name & Class/Sec
Jayantika Bahdouria, III A

2nd Position : Solomon House
Students Name & Class/Sec
Shivi Goyal, III A

Saanvi Sapru, III A
Zainab Ahamad, III B
Anshika Singh, III A
Sapna Goyal, III D
Aditi Sharma, IV A
Yoshita Bhagat, IV C
Aditi Kaushik, IV C
Pratyush Gupta, IV C
Shivam Choudhary, IV C
Devansh Sharma, IV C
Sharvani Mishra, V A
Divyanshree Ray, V A
Aditya Yadav, V A
Anvi Shukla, V B
Nishita Yadav, V B
Aditya Kumar, V B
Bhuvi Srivastava, V B
Anjali, V C
Anwesha Mohanty, V C
Yashi Singh, V C
Dakshita, V C
Naman Mishra, V B

Adhishree Choudhary, III D
Anushree Gupta, III D
Sreeja Rai, IV D
Twinkle Tiwari, IV B
Nidhi Bhati, IV C
Naman Singh, IV A
Ridhima Sharma, IV C
Varshita Indolia, IV C
Srinita Chakraborty, IV D
Soumya Singh, IV D
Shimaaz Khan, IV D
Ridhi Srivastava, IV D
Satakshi, V A
Mahima Dhanraj, V B
Aditya V. Singh, V A
Sriyanka Sharma, V D
Kanishk Bhati, V C
Vanshaj Chaudhary, V A
Sabhyata Singh, V B
Anishka Tyagi, V B
Kavya Tripathi, V D
Rachael Sharma, V B
Saubhagya Saini, V B
Vrinda Maheshwari, V B
Palak Mathur, V A
Dikshil Sharma, V C
Arsh Verma, V D
Sukriti Jha, V D

3rd Position : Daniel House

Students Name & Class/Sec	Students Name & Class/Sec
Deepika Mishra, III A	Darsh Gupta, IV B
Rudrika Aggarwal, III D	Shreya Pandey, IV C
Anvi Agnihotri, III D	Ayush Kumar, IV C
Ishika Kasana, III D	Aarushi Gupta, V A
Anshika Rai, IV A	Charu Chaudhary, V A
Tannusha, IV A	Ruchika Singh, V A
Mysha Mariyam, IV A	Kajal Sihag, V A
Ridhima Sharma, IV A	Madhav J Nambiar, V B
Anubhav Bhardwaj, IV A	Prerna Singh, V D
Aashriya Varshney, IV B	Shairil Singh, V D

Winners of FLOWER SHOW held at City Park Greater NOIDA with Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



WORLD GENIUS OLYMPIAD









Inter House Western Music Competition



Junior School Inter House Western Music Competition



Our young Comperers - Adya Choudhary and Malishka Singh



Mr. Abhishek Mani and Mrs. Libina Alex-Judges for the Competition



Maliskha Singh - Class V D (David House) stood First in Solo Category



Mysha Mariyam - Class IV A (Daniel House) stood Second



Nandni Awana - Class V D (Moses House) stood Third in Solo Category



Sabhyata Singh - Class V B (Solomon House)



Moses House singing 'Diamonds' by Rihanna



David House singing 'Brave' by Sara Bareilles



Daniel House singing 'Flashlight' by Jessie J



Solomon House singing 'Bird set free' by Sia

Inter House Western Music Competition



Winners of Inter House Western Music Competition-Moses House



Second Position -Inter House Western Music Competition-Daniel House



Second Position-Inter House Western Music Competition-David House



Third Position-Inter House Western Music Competition-Solomon House

Investiture Ceremony : Junior School



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Head Boy - Aditya V Singh



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Head Girl - Malishka Singh



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pins the badge for Vice Head Boy - Pragalbh Dwivedi



Vice Head Girl Riddhima Jain proudly accepts the sash from Principal, Dr.Mary Thomas



Proud moment for Sports Captain Glen Gigi as Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pins the badge



Vice Sports Captain-Nishita Yadav proudly accepts the badge from Dr. Mary Thomas



Daniel House Captain-Sanchit Vartshney with pride accepts the badge from Dr.Mary Thomas



Principal, Dr.Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Daniel House Vice Captain Parthi Singh



David House Captain Bhuvi Srivastava receives her badge from Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



David House Vice Captain Anvi Shukla receiving the sash from Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



Moses House Captain Sanjana Ghosh proudly receiving the badge from Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



Moses House Vice Captain Prapti Yadav receives her badge from Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



Solomon House Captain Arjun Gupta proudly receives his badge from Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



Solomon House Vice Captain Vaaruni Chaudhary proudly receives her badge from Principal Dr.Mary Thomas



Proud moment for Cultural Secretary Anishka Tyagi as Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pins the badge



Proud moment for Cultural Secretary Mahima Dhanraj as Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pins the badge

Investiture Ceremony : Junior School



Proud moment for Cultural Secretary Sabhyata Singh as Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pins the badge



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Environment Secretary Yashi Singh



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Environment Secretary Aditya Kumar



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Environment Secretary Ishitv Arya



Principal, Dr.Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Discipline Prefect Divya Goel



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Discipline Prefect Satakshi



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Discipline Prefect Naman Mishra



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Discipline Prefect Rushil Ivan Egbert

Investiture Ceremony : Junior School



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Social Service Secretary Abhinav Samal



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Social Service Secretary Rachel Sharma



Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas pinning the badge for Social Service Secretary Vrinda Maheswari



Taking on the responsibility and working towards progress



Oath taking by Head Girl and Head Boy for a better tomorrow



Old Council Members handing over the charge to the newly Elected Council Members



Promising to work in unity,oath taking by New Council Members



Message by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas



STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018 - 2019 (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

A VISIT TO KIRAN NADAR ART MUSEUM












Patriotic Week



Class I displaying their creativity



Learning the art of Origami



Enjoying the art of paper folding - Class I



Guiding little minds to use their imagination



Busy hands - Class I B Poster making activity



Little minds being extra creative - Class II



Proud of our Tricolour - Class II



Class II - Enjoying Poster making Activity



Busy making tri-colour fans - Class III



Proud display of creativity - Class III



Badge Making in tri-colour - Class IV



Being creative using tri-colours - Class IV



Creativity through thumb impression - Class V



Making a peacock with thumb impression - Class V



Poster Making on the theme of Independence Day - Class V



Hands busy at work

RESONANCE: ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – 2018



Arrival of the Esteemed Guests



Welcome Address by Vice Principal,
Mrs. Monisha R. Claudius



Prayer By Head Mistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert



Welcome Dance



Mrs. Mary George President,Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India illuminates the torch



Glen Gigi, Sports Captain igniting the flame



Sports Meet declared open by the Chief Guest
Mrs. Mary George,President, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India



Solemn Pledge by Head Girl Malishka Singh-VD

RESONANCE: ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – 2018



Our Responsible Council Members



Sirat Singh Den, VII - D leading Daniel House



Akshansh Sharma VII - B leading David House



Moses House led by Aayan Verma VII - A



Solomon House led by Shubham Sanwal VII A



Get Ready to Wiggle-Drill by Class Nursery



Move to the Beat - Drill by Class I



200 Mts. Race - Class VI Boys

RESONANCE: ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – 2018



200 Mts. Race - Class VI Girls



All set to 'Shimmer and Shine' - Drill By Class II



Winners of 200 Mts. Race Group A- Boys with Mr. Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA



Winners of 200 Mts. Race,Group B - Girls with Mr. Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA



Winners of 100 Mts. Race,Group A - Boys with Mr. Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA



Winners of 100 Mts. Race,Group B - Girls with Mr. Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA



TIp Tap Toe - Drill By Class III



Relay Race (4X100 Mts) - Group A-Boys Class VII

RESONANCE: ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – 2018



Relay Race (4X100 Mts) - Group B - Girls Class VII



Drill by Class K.G-Sha-La-La-La-La



Relay Race (4X100 Mts) - Group A - Boys Class V



Relay Race (4X100 Mts) - Group B - Girls Class V



Winners of (4X100 Mts.) Relay Race - Group A - Boys Class VII with Mrs. D.A.Tressler, Chairperson & Director, Somerville Schools



Winners of (4X100 Mts.) Relay Race - Group B - Girls Class VII with Mrs. D. A. Tressler, Chairperson & Director, Somerville Schools



Winners of (4X100 Mts.) Relay Race - Group A - Boys Class V with Mrs. D. A. Tressler, Chairperson & Director, Somerville Schools



Winners of (4X100 Mts.) Relay Race - Group B - Girls - Class V with Mrs. D. A. Tressler, Chairperson & Director, Somerville Schools

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Obstacle Race-Class II



Kazachok Dance-Drill Class VI



Fruits And Veggie Race - Class I



Drill Class IV - Dumbbells



Sack Race - Class III- Group B - Girls



Hoola Hoop - Drill Class V



Best Marching Contingent-Solomon House Receive the Trophy from Dr. Mary Thomas,Principal, Somerville School,Greater NOIDA.



Best Drill Display-Precision Marching By Class VII

RESONANCE: ANNUAL SPORTS MEET – 2018



The Grand Finale

DIWALI ASSEMBLY

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organized a Special Assembly to celebrate Diwali, the auspicious festival of lights on Wednesday 6th November 2018. The students of classes VI – VIII presented a thought provoking skit to develop a sense of duty towards the poor and the needy. The students talked about the significance of the festival - how good always conquers the evil. They also shared information about how Diwali is celebrated across India. The song 'Diwali Aaye Re' added to the festive spirit as the dancers dressed in ethnic outfits danced to the tunes of the popular number. The assembly concluded with Vice Principal ma'am's message who sensitized the students about the ill-effects of bursting crackers and encouraged the students to celebrate Diwali by spreading joy and happiness in the neighbourhood.



A skit presented by Class VII students



Anchors share the essence of the Festival of Lights



Dancing with Joy



Festive Spirit is in the air



Principal Ma'am enlightens the students



Sharing is Caring-A Lesson Learnt



Our Troupe of Dancers



Participants with their Mentors

DUSSHERA ASSEMBLY



Laxman with his soldiers all set to fight the evil



Meghnad all set to take on Laxman



And the war begins.....



The evil laugher of Ravana



The ancient Vaidya



Yagya being performed by Meghnad



Victory of Good over Evil



Victorius Lord Ram



The grand return of Seeta to Ayodhya



The celebration begins



In a festive mood



The talented dancers of Dussehra Assembly

INTER HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE COMPETITION



Winners of English Debate Competition



Emphasising her Stance



Debating is an art



Moses House Stood First in Inter House English Debate Competition



English Debate- Best Speaker
(For the Motion)



Ritika Sharma - Best Speaker (Against the motion)



Being Assertive



Judges Ms. Monisha Claudius & Ms. Ranjana Chauhan



Interjectors Question



Expressing his perspective for the motion



The rebuttle round

JULY

To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.

9th - 13th July, 2018

Environment Week (Terra Friends)

Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote, "It is not so much for its beauty, that the forest makes a claim upon man's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanates from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit."

Environment has become the most discussed issue, the world over. The apocalypse that stares at you in the not so distant future is real and cannot be ignored anymore.

Environment week was celebrated from 9th July to 13th July 2018. An array of activities were organized to sensitize the young students on the mentioned issue.

An activity of tear and paste was conducted for the students of Class I, where the picture of flowers, trees and animals were drawn by the students. Students of Classes II and III made bookmarks, bags, beautiful pictures using pencil shavings, spare buttons, egg shells etc initiating a small step towards mother nature. Whereas students of Class IV took great interest in making paper bags, envelopes and folders carrying messages to save Mother Earth. A Poster Making Activity for Class V was also organized to inculcate the value of conservation of natural resources

The entire week was eventful. The students of Class I and II also participated in Campus Clean Campaign and they cleaned their classrooms. The students participated with enthusiasm and looked forward to activities each day participating, learning and working together.

The results of various events held during the week are as follows:

Position	Students Name	Class	Topics
1st	Prisha Goyal	I D	Tear and Paste
2nd	Hannah Ann Kurian	I E	
3rd	Shatakshi Bhardwaj	I B	
1st	Stuti Srivastava	II D	Book Mark
2nd	Saket Khurana	II A	
3rd	Anika Yadav	II B	
1st	Aaditya Shukla	III B	Best Out of Waste
2nd	Tejaswani	III A	
3rd	Pratikshya Samal	III B	
1st	Twinkle Tiwari	IV B	Making of Paper Bags / Folders
2nd	Ritanya Thakur	IV C	
3rd	Pranavashish	IV A	
3rd	Aditya N. Pande	IV B	
1st	Charvi	V D	Poster Making
2nd	Anvi Shukla	V B	
3rd	Anwesha Mohanty	V C	

AUGUST

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

4th August, 2018

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated its Junior School Annual Day, 'An Enchanted Dream' on 4th August, 2018 with great zeal and fervour at the Nelson Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India and Mrs. D. A. Tressler, Chairperson and Director, Somerville Schools, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India were the guests of honour for the event. The programme began with a prayer seeking the Lord's blessings. The students of Classes III to V participated in the show with great enthusiasm. The musical 'Enchanted Dreams', is a story about a girl, Anna who just can't sleep without listening to stories. One night she and her siblings are visited by Tinkerbell and Peter Pan where they embark on an adventurous journey to meet the other fairy tale characters. The show involved most of the students in a spectacular performance enriched with sublime music, resplendent costumes, magnificient set-ups and mesmerizing dances. The characters took us down the memory lane of fantasy and fairytales. The play featured favourites as Peter Pan, Aladdin, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Little Mermaid, Moana and Beauty and the Beast. The mellifluous music of the Western Music Choir left everyone spellbound. The stories revealed the secret powers of the characters within us. It showcased the strength of a noble heart, truthfulness and optimism. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas acknowledged the efforts of the students and teachers. It was indeed a spectacular display of talent.

1st – 17th August, 2018

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA celebrated India's 71 years of Independence by organizing activities during the Patriotic Week held from 13.08.2018 to 17.08.2018 with great solidarity and patriotic spirit. Activities are always fun and students enjoy it when they manifest with colours and papers, displaying their best creative skill. Students of Classes I to V participated in the patriotic week activities. Students of Class I made tricolour tulips to illustrate the art of paper folding. Students of Class II made colourful fans, pasted on the tricolour ribbons. Students of Class III made tricolour fans with origami sheets. A badge making activity for Class IV was conducted. Students of Class V made beautiful peacock decoration with their thumb impression. Patriotic week celebrations are an effort to instill in our students the fervor and love for our country. Children developed a desire to know more about the importance of tricolour for us. These competitions were a source of learning and inspiration for all the students of Classes I to V.

25th August, 2018

EVS Exhibition of Junior School for Classes I, II and III was held in the Biology Lab. The students exhibited their talent through pictorial representation and 3D models. This also showed their excellent understanding of the subject and of models and the representation exhibited.

Class I showed their understanding on 'Personal Hygiene' and 'Healthy Food Habits'. They also presented a family tree in the exhibition.
Presentation by Class II students comprised of Means of Transport, Means of Communication and people who help us. Students showcased their creativity and learning potential through hand-made models.
Students of Class III made models of Types of Houses, Animal houses and birds. They also prepared a special board on 'Road Signs' which emphasized on the safety measures to be taken while travelling on road.
Parents appreciated the displayed work that they witnessed and felt proud of their wards, who manifested their interest in the subject.
The interaction between students and parents was interesting as the students displayed skill in responding to questions asked by their elders on the spot.
It was a wonderful learning experience for students as they learned to work as a team in presenting their work.

31st August, 2018

Janmashtami marks the birth of Lord Krishna, the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu. This festival was celebrated with great joy and excitement by the children of the primary school. A special assembly was conducted to mark the birth of the deity. Students from Classes I to V participated to celebrate and usher in the festive feeling. Students enacted a skit, illustrating the fact that whenever there will be dominance of evil, Lord Krishna, will reincarnate to destroy the evil and save the good. Children dressed as Radha and Krishna presented a colourful and mesmerizing dance to a beautiful semi-classical music. Students of Classes IV and V presented Dandiya dance to the melodious music of devotional songs. Children celebrated the occasion by singing and dancing with great joy and enthusiasm. The enactment conveyed a strong message of victory of good over evil. The hard work of the teachers and the students was well applauded by our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

SEPTEMBER

Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

28th September, 2018

Inter House Indian Music and Instrumental Music Competition

The much awaited Inter House Indian Music Competition was held on 28th of September, 2018 in the Quadrangle. The competition was held in four categories namely:
*Solo singing
*Duet
*Group Song
*Instrumental Music
The students in all the categories participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Both the solo and

duet songs sung by the students mesmerized the audience. The theme of the group song competition was 'Patriotic Songs'. The children sang songs with confidence and patriotic fervor. The melodious songs touched the heart of the audience. Each house showed their mastery over voice modulation, pitch, rhythm and tone. The children showcased a sense of pride, self-esteem and self-confidence throughout the competition. It was a visual treat to witness all the four houses put up a magnificent instrumental music performance based on different ragas depicting different moods, each one outstanding and captivating. The entire event exhibited the talent and hard work of the students and the music faculty in identifying and nurturing our budding artists.

The competition was judged by Mrs. Preeti Bhowmick and Mr. Joseph Archie who praised and encouraged the students and at the same time gave valuable tips to make the performances even better in future.

The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas who congratulated the participants and the faculty for putting up such an enthralling performance.

Solo Category:

Position	Name	Class	House
1st	Pragalbh Dwivedi	V A	David
2nd	Nandni Awana	V D	Moses
3rd	Anaya Arafat	III C	Solomon

Duet Category :

Position	Name	Class	House
1st	Zoya Prasrad	IV D	David
	Shristi Sharma	IV D	
2nd	Atharv Garg	V C	Moses
	Nandini Awana	V D	
3rd	Satakshi	V A	Solomon
	Vaaruni Tripathi	V C	

Group Category:

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
David House	Moses House	Solomon House & Daniel House

Instrumental Group :

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
David House	Daniel House	Moses House

David House Participants
1st Position : Group Category

S. No.	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Anvi Shukla, V B
2.	Divyanshree Ray, V A
3.	Anweesha Satapathy, V A

David House Participants
1st Position : Instrumental Group

Student Name & Class/Sec
Koshy Joseph, I C
Sidhivinayak Bharadwaj, IV B
Sagarika Sharma, IV B

4. Naman Mishra, V B
5. Pragalbh Dwivedi, V A
6. Anwesha Mohanty, V C
7. Dakshita, V C
8. Anjali, V C
9. Yashi Singh, V C
10. Nishita Yadav, V B
11. Bhuvi Srivastava, V B
12 Bhoomi Mehra, V A
13. Rushil Ivan Egbert, V D
14. Aditya Yadav, V A
15. Malishka Singh, V D
16. Pritesh Grover, V D
17. Shristi Sharma, IV D
18. Siddhi Srivastava, IV C
19. Yoshita Bhagat, IV C
20. Aditi Sharma, IV A
21. Devansh Sharma, IV C
22. Pratyush Gupta, IV C
23. Zoya Prasad, IV D
24. Sagarika Sharma, IV B
25. Aditi Kaushik, IV C
26. Vanshika Saraf, III C
27. Jayantika Bhadouria, III A
28. Shreya Joshi, III C
29. Zainab Ahmad, III B

Pratyush Gupta, IV C
Yoshita Bhagat, IV C
Aditi Kaushik, IV C
Shristi Sharma, IV D
Zoya Prasad, IV D
Aditi Sharma, IV A
Anvi Shukla, V B
Divyanshree Ray, V A
Anweesha Satapathy, V A
Naman Mishra, V B
Pragalbh Dwivedi, V A
Anwesha Mohanty, V C
Anjali, V C
Yashi Singh, V C
Nishita Yadav, V B
Bhuvi Srivastava, V B
Bhoomi Mehra, V A
Kshitij Uniyal, V A
Rushil Ivan Egbert, V D
Aditya Yadav, V A
Mohammad Faiz, V D
Pritesh Grover, V D

Instrumental Group

2nd Position : Daniel

S. No.	Students Name & Class/Sec
1.	Aaditya Shukla, III B
2.	Aaditya Vatsa, V D
3.	Chaitanya Sood, IV D
4.	Joel Baliar Singh, IV D
5.	Vrishank Gupta, V A
6.	Rufus Rency Mathew, V A
7.	Saksham Pareek, V A
8.	Charu Chaudhary, V A
9.	Abhinav Sharma, V B
10.	Kashish Kamboj, V B
11.	Sanchit Varshney, V C
12.	Shiv Soni, V D
13.	Rudrika Agarwal, III D
14.	Tannusha Mishra, IV A
15.	Idhika Srivastava, IV C

Daniel House

Solo : Sambhit Kumar Dash, V B
Duet : Snighdha P. Nair, V C & Aseema Singh, V C
Group : 3rd Position

S. No	Student Name	Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name	Class/Sec
1.	Deepika Mishra	III A	14.	Sanchita Singh	IV C
2.	Anvi Sethi	III B	15.	Avni Ajeet	IV D
3.	Aaditya Shukla	III B	16.	Lavanya Gupta	IV D
4.	Angad Singh Rajput	III B	17.	Rufus Rency Mathew	V A
5.	Yasharth Tripathi	III B	18.	Saksham Pareek	V A
6.	Yashika Mahajan	III C	19.	Charu Chaudhary	V A
7.	Anvi Agnihotri	III D	20.	Madhav J Nambiar	V A
8.	Anshika Rai	IV A	21.	Abhinav Sharma	V B
9.	Ridhima Sharma	IV A	22.	Sanvi Singh	V C
10.	Deepika	IV B	23.	Sanchit Varshney	V C
11.	Lakshita Singh	IV B	24.	Shairil Singh	V D
12.	Gauranshi Singh	IV B	25.	Shiv Soni	V D
13.	Aman Shukla	IV B			

David House

Category	Position	Name of Students
Solo	1st	Pragalbh Dwivedi, V A
Duet	1st	Zoya Prasad, IV D & Shristi Sharma, IV D

1st Position : Group Category

S. No	Student Name	Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name	Class/Sec
1.	Anvi Shukla	V B	16.	Pritesh Grover	V D
2.	Divyanshree Ray	V A	17.	Shristi Sharma	IV D
3.	Anweesha Satapathy	V A	18.	Siddhi Srivastava	IV C
4.	Naman Mishra	V B	19.	Yoshita Bhagat	IV C
5.	Pragalbh Dwivedi	V A	20.	Aditi Sharma	IV A
6.	Anwesha mohanty	V C	21.	Devansh Sharma	IV C
7.	Dakshita	V C	22.	Pratyush Gupta	IV C
8.	Anjali	V C	23.	Zoya Prasad	IV D
9.	Yashi Singh	V C	24.	Sagarika Sharma	IV B
10.	Nishita Yadav	V B	25.	Aditi Kaushik	IV C
11.	Bhuvi Srivastava	V B	26.	Vanshika Saraf	III C
12	Bhoomi Mehra	V A	27.	Jayantika Bhadouria	III A
13.	Rushil Ivan Egbert	V D	28.	Shreya Joshi	III C
14.	Aditya Yadav	V A	29.	Zainab Ahmad	III B
15.	Malishka Singh	V D			

Instrumental Group

1st Position : David House

List of Participants

S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Koshy Joseph, I C	14.	Pragalbh Dwivedi, V A

2. Sidhivinayak Bharadwaj, IV B
3. Sagarika Sharma, IV B
4. Pratyush Gupta, IV C
5. Yoshita Bhagat, IV C
6. Aditi Kaushik, IV C
7. Shristi Sharma, IV D
8. Zoya Prasad, IV D
9. Aditi Sharma, IV A
10. Anvi Shukla, V B
11. Divyanshree Ray, V A
12 Anweesha Satapathy, V A
13. Naman Mishra, V B
15. Anwesha Mohanty, V C
16. Anjali, V C
17. Yashi Singh, V C
18. Nishita Yadav, V B
19. Bhuvi Srivastava, V B
20. Bhoomi Mehra, V A
21. Kshitij Uniyal, V A
22. Rushil Ivan Egbert, V D
23. Aditya Yadav, V A
24. Mohammad Faiz, V D
25. Pritesh Grover, V D

3rd Position : Moses House

List of Participants

S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Virat Yadav, I B	7.	Akarsh Garg, V B
2.	Adya Choudhary, IV B	8.	Nandni Awana, V D
3.	Spandan Tripathi, IV D	9.	Prapti Yadav, V D
4.	Vaishnavi Nair, IV C	10.	Ridhi Sharma, V D
5.	Chaitanya Singh, IV C	11.	Divyam Yadav, IV C
6.	Vedansh Kumar, V A		

Category	Position	Name of Students
Solo	2nd	Nandni Awana, V D
Duet	2nd	Atharv Garg, V C & Nandni Awana, V D

2nd Position : Group Category

S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Maahika Srivastava, III A	14.	Ishitv Arya, V A
2.	Riddhiman Chetiapatra, III B	15.	Aradhya Goyal, V A
3.	Nisaba, III D	16.	Neerajna Nilay, V A
4.	Bhavya Singh, III D	17.	Akarsh Garg, V B
5.	Deva Nanda, IV A	18.	Atharv Garg, V C
6.	Adya Choudhary, IV B	19.	Komal, V C
7.	Abhigyan Kumar Mishra, IV B	20.	Nandni Awana, V D
8.	Arnav Tyagi, IV B	21.	Himank Singh, V D
9.	Vatsal Parasher, IV B	22.	Prapti Yadav, V D
10.	Divnoor Sidhu, IV C	23.	Sanjana Ghosh, V D
11.	Spandan Tripathi, IV D	24.	Ridhi Sharma, V D
12.	Alida Shifa Lal, IV D	25.	Charvi, V D
13.	Pavithra Ramachandran, IV D		

Instrumental Group: Solomon House

S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Satakshi, V A	8.	Arjun Gupta, V A
2.	Shreyas Manoj, IV D	9.	Mahin Aber, IV D
3.	Somya Singh, IV D	10.	Sabhyata Singh, V B
4.	Nidhi, IV C	11.	Dikshil, V C
5.	Mahima Dhanraj, V B	12.	Sreeja Rai, IV D
6.	Vanshaj Chaudhary, V A	13.	Saksham Baisla, IV D
7.	Vaarun I Tripathi, V C	14.	Shourendra, IV D

Category	Position	Name of Students
Solo	3rd	Anaya Arafat, III C
Duet	3rd	Satakshi, V A & Vaaruni Tripathi, V C

3rd Position : Group Category

S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec	S. No	Student Name & Class/Sec
1.	Satakshi, V A	11.	Anushree Gupta, III D
2.	Vrinda Maheshwari, V B	12.	Yashika Singh, IV A
3.	Sabhyata Singh, V B	13.	Rahini Virmani, IV A
4.	Nitya Chhatwani, IV B	14.	Parth Vashisth, III A
5.	Saksham Singh, V B	15.	Zikra Naved, III A
6.	Anaya Arafat, Iii C	16.	Jacob J. Akkara, III A
7.	Vaarun I Tripathi, V C	17.	Mahin, IV D
8.	Ishan Yaav, V D	18.	Naman Singh, IV A
9.	Sriyanka Sharma, V D	19.	Aditya Nath Pandey, IV B
10.	Shagun Dixit, III D		

Results

Position	Name	Class	Position	Name	Class
1st	Prisha Goyal	I D	1st	Twinkle Tiwari	IV B
2nd	Hanna Ann Kurian	I E	2nd	Ritanya Thakur	IV C
3rd	Shatakshi	I B	3rd	Pranavashish	IV A
1st	Stuti Srivastava	II D	3rd	Aditya N. Pandey	IV B
2nd	Saket Khurana	II A	1st	Charvi	V D
3rd	Anika Yadav	II B	2nd	Anvi Shukla	V B
1st	Aaditya Shukla	III B	3rd	Anwesha Mohanty	V C
2nd	Tejaswani	III A			
3rd	Pratikshya	III B			

OCTOBER

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

10th October, 2018

Inter House Solo and Choral Hindi Recitation

Beauty is the realm of poetry, children enjoy the beauty of expression, thoughts, feeling, rhyme, rhythm and music of words. Taking all these facts into consideration our school, organised an Inter House Hindi Poem Recitation Competition. The competition was divided into two categories- Solo and Group for the Primary Wing.

The students of Class III recited poems on festivals. The poems recited sent a message that festivals bind us together and help our relationships thrive. The students through the poems reminded us the value of being rooted to our rich heritage and culture.

Class IV brought forward the burning issue of Environment Conservation through their poems. The students in their presentation conveyed that our environment is vital to our well being and every element should be protected. It was an ode to our foster Mother Earth whom we need to protect from perishing due to pollution and population rise.

The children of Class V came up with different poems on the topic "PATRIOTISM" and recited them with great zeal and enthusiasm. The judges appreciated and applauded the performance of the participants and the feeling of patriotism filled the air with love and respect for our motherland.

The Principal of the school, Dr. Mary Thomas appreciated the students and praised them for their dedication and efforts.

Results

Category	Position	Class	Category	Position	Class
Group	1st	III B	Group	1st	IV C
	2nd	III A		2nd	IV D
	3rd	III D		3rd	IV A

Category : Solo

Position	Students Name	Class/Sec	Students Name	Class/Sec
1st	Anvi Agnihotri	III D	Adya Choudhary	IV B
			Aditi Kaushik	IV C
2nd	Toshali Sharma	III B	Soumya Pandey	IV A
3rd	Agam Khatri	III A	Shristi Sharma	IV D

Category : Solo

Position	Student's Name	Class/Sec
1st	Shoury	V A
2nd	Vaaruni Choudhary	V D
3rd	Anishka Tyagi	V B

17th October 2018

Dussehra Celebration

In our society we need to continuously reinforce the universal values of brotherhood, tolerance, peace, compassion, patriotism and solidarity in our children.

A celebration in the form of special assemblies is an effort to sensitise students towards living in harmony in a diverse society. They are taught to learn to use their skills to work towards a safe and better world.

Taking this thought forward a special assembly on Dussehra was conducted on 17th October, 2018 by the students of Class III - V. Dussehra, also called Vijayadashmi is a festival that marks the killing of Ravana, his son Meghanath and brother Kumbhakarn, by Lord Rama. It symbolizes the power of good and humanity above all kind of powers. It is seen as the victory of good over evil. Dussehra celebrates Ram's victory over Ravana. The students presented a short enactment from the story of Ramayana. The festival reminds people of the fact that truth always wins and motivates them to follow the path of Dharma. The assembly concluded with a mesmerising folk dance.

The school Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas appreciated the efforts of the students and emphasized the fact that this day may be considered not only the victory of Lord Rama but also as the victory of mankind. The event was a learning experience for all.

31st October, 2018

Annual Sports Meet

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts."

The Annual Sports Meet of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA was held on 31st October, 2018 amidst verve and comradeship.

Headmistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert welcomed the guests and the gathering. The celebrations began with a lighting of the sports torch, flag hoisting, march past by the four houses and the Oath taking ceremony. The events filled the hearts of everyone with the spirit of sportsmanship and unity. The students displayed a wide array of colourful events. They mesmerised the audience with their energetic performances. The display included a presentation 'Get ready to wriggle' by the Little Red flowers of Nursery. The free hand drill by Class I, Hoola Hoops drill by Class V, Kazachok dance by Class VI, Sha la la dance by tiny tots of Kindergarten mesmerised the guests. The sprawling green field dazzled with the shiny pompoms of the 'Shimmer and Shine' drill presented by class II, The Jazz presentation in Tip Tap Toe drill and the "Precision and Perfection" drill was presented in the most beautiful manner. The show ended with the announcement of winners of Best House trophy and trophy for the best March Past and Drill respectively. All the students cheered for Solomon House.

The track and field event involving mass participation was a grand success. Students of Classes I to VII competed class-wise in events including sprints, sack race, obstacle race and the Eat healthy race.

A healthy turnout of the parents and the pleasant weather were a boon.

The 'Grand Finale,' showcased the skills and exercises practiced by our young sports enthusiasts. Our honourable Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas words motivated everyone to strive for excellence.

DECEMBER

"Preparation is the key to success."

20th December, 2018

Christmas Celebration

A special assembly was conducted to celebrate the festival of joy, love and peace. The entire school reverberated with the echoes of Christmas carols. The school wore a festive look with beautifully decorated boards depicting the Christmas theme of stars, bells, streamers and Christmas trees. The assembly began by invoking God's blessings followed by a colourful programme portraying scenes from the Nativity accompanied by dances put up by the Tiny Tots of the Pre-Primary and the Primary sections. The programme was enjoyed and greatly appreciated. The boundless joy of celebrating the festival was amply visible on the faces of the children especially when they witnessed a special performance by the Administrative Staff of the school. Honourable Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas spoke about the significance of the festival. She prayed for the existence of joy and peace in the world and wished the students and staff "A Merry Christmas", also emphasising the fact that we all must celebrate this festival of joy and love with the true spirit of giving, sharing and caring.

FEBRUARY

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.

2nd February, 2018

Social Science & Mathematics Exhibition

The Primary Wing of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organised a Science and Maths Exhibition on 2nd February 2019. It focused on ingraining a scientific and creative attitude in our young students to make them comprehend the interdependence of science, technology and society.

Students of Classes IV and V presented both still and working models depicting different themes such as simple machines used in our daily lives, solar system, the solar and lunar eclipses, balanced diet and the excretory system.

The Social Science Exhibition showcased various models prepared by the students as part of project- based learning methodology. They displayed a wide array of models based on topics such as the physical features of India, alternate sources of energy like wind, water and solar energy, natural disasters like volcanic eruption, tsunami and the precautionary measures to be taken in case of drastic situations.

The Maths Exhibition was a banquet to the eyes of the parents. The objective of the event was to enhance the confidence of our little children from Classes I to V and provide them a platform to display 2D shapes, models of clock, symmetry, tessellations and tangrams.

A great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the students as everybody had a word of appreciation for them. The event provided a platform for the budding students to express their creativity and gain confidence.

SENIOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS
ALMANAC 2018 -19

APRIL

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

2nd April, 2018

The new Academic session commenced for classes VI - X & XII with enthusiasm and zeal. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas welcomed the students with a word of prayer by reading the scripture portion from the Holy Bible.

15th April, 2018

The new session commenced for class XI students who opted for various streams to begin another journey to their career.

18th – 19th April, 2018

English Creative Writing and Calligraphy Competitions

An Inter Section English Creative Writing Competition and Handwriting Competition was organized for Classes VI – XII to provide a platform to the learners to expand their horizons and showcase their linguistic and calligraphic skills. Students participated in the competitions wholeheartedly and came up with innovative literary work. The results are as follows:

English Creative Writing
Results

Position	Class	Winners	House
1st	VI A	Vaibhav Rana	Solomon
2nd		Elizabeth Anna Joseph	Solomon
3rd		Shreyas Sahu	Moses
Consolation		Divit Rastogi	Daniel
1st	VI B	Sirjan Kaur Bhinder	David
2nd		Sakshi Singh	Daniel
3rd		Renee Sarah Williams	Daniel
Consolation		Kushagr Durgapal	Moses
1st	VI C	Pari Porwal	David
2nd		Madhavi	David
3rd		Aditya Tripathi	Solomon
1st	VI D	Mohd. Fizanul	David
2nd		Irene Jijo	Moses
3rd		Sashika	Solomon

Consolation		Sadhavi Chauhan	David
1st	VII A	Kashvi	Solomon
2nd		Om Srivastava	Moses
3rd		Swayam Singhai	Solomon
1st	VII B	Yash Arora	Solomon
2nd		Aaron Mukhopadhyay	Daniel
3rd		Ashmit Srivastava	Moses
Consolation		Drishti	Solomon
1st	VII C	Geetansh Singh	Moses
2nd		Arya Tiwari	David
3rd		Ananya Pundhir	Moses
1st	VII D	Samaira Srivastava	Solomon
2nd		Avishi Dutta	Solomon
3rd		Bhimansh Grover	David
1st	VIII A	Vansh Singh	Solomon
2nd		K. Lavanya	Daniel
3rd		Avni Chaudhary	Solomon
1st	VIII B	Jayati Shubhangee	Moses
2nd		Kushagra	Daniel
3rd		Aviral Mishra	Solomon
Consolation		Vishesh Singh	Moses
1st	VIII C	Nishtha Singh	Moses
2nd		Nandani	David
3rd		Geetika	Moses
Consolation		Yashika	Daniel
1st	VIII D	Rose Maria Varghese	Solomon
2nd		Mayank Kumar	Solomon
3rd		Rohan Sharma	Moses
Consolation		Annanya Chopra	David
1st	IX A	Arjun Gupta	Daniel
2nd		Khushi Gupta	Moses
3rd		Simran	Daniel
Consolation		Jahanvi Naithani	Daniel
1st	IX B	Savani Agarwal	Solomon
2nd		Nandini	David
3rd		Adrija Singh	Moses
1st	IX C	Sanya Pandey	Moses
2nd		Palak Maheshwari	Solomon
3rd		Tanush	Solomon
Consolation		Tejal Garg	David
1st	IX D	Shuva Chakraborty	Solomon
2nd		Eesha Kaul	Moses

3rd		Rhythm	David
Consolation		Harsh Upadhyay	Daniel
1st	X A	Mansi Modi	David
2nd		Apekshita Sharma	Solomon
3rd		Rheanna Ghosh	Daniel
Consolation		Shreya	David
1st	X B	Vanisha Tyagi	David
2nd		Bhavika Choudhary	Daniel
3rd		Spriha	Daniel
Consolation		Shristi Roy	Solomon
1st	X C	Devanshi	Solomon
2nd		Aditi	Solomon
3rd		Adeep Sharma	Daniel
Consolation		Mansi Pandey	David
1st	X D	Shreya Ruth Nanda	Moses
2nd		Anuroop Roy	David
3rd		Pranjal	David
1st	XI A	Riya Yadav	David
2nd		Nishant Joshi	David
3rd		Dhruv Rahal	Moses
1st	XI B	Riya Sinha	David
2nd		Aahuti Thakur	David
3rd		Rishabh Banerjee	David
Consolation		Mayank Agarwal	David
1st	XI C	S. Varsha	Daniel
2nd		Archas	Moses
3rd		Vibhor Chauhan	Daniel
Consolation		Vaishnavi U. Venkat	David
1st	XI D	Piyush Pandey	Moses
2nd		Kiranpreet Kaur	Solomon
3rd		Khushnoor Kaur Bhinder	Moses
Consolation		Shreya Singhal	Solomon
1st	XII A	Priyanshi Banerjee	Solomon
2nd		S. Akshita	Daniel
2nd		Pragya Jain	Daniel
3rd		Siddharth Yadav	Daniel
1st	XII B	Prachir Agarwal	Solomon
2nd		Runjhun Sagar	Daniel
3rd		Sakshi Roy	Daniel
Consolation		Tanu Singh	Daniel
1st	XII C	Sheikh Malaika	Daniel

2nd		Agmendu Bhati	Solomon
3rd		Muskan Gupta	David
1st	XII D	Rajashri Mitra	Daniel
2nd		Tanul Saxena	David
3rd		Divyanshi Singh	Moses
Consolation		Himanshu Manna	David

Handwriting Competition
Results

Position	Class	Winners	House
1st	VI A	Agrim Rana	Moses
2nd		Janya Singh	Daniel
3rd		Anvita Singh	David
1st	VI B	Sirjan Kaur Bhinder	David
2nd		Sakshi Singh	Daniel
3rd		Divyansh	Moses
1st	VI C	Madhavi	David
2nd		Anika Sharma	Daniel
3rd		Mayank Bansal	Moses
1st	VI D	Irene Jijo	Moses
2nd		Pushkar	Daniel
3rd		Aadya	Moses
1st	VII A	Gargi Shekhawat	Moses
2nd		Kashvi	Solomon
3rd		Bhumika Srivastva	David
1st	VII B	Drishti	Solomon
2nd		Kriti Budholia	David
3rd		Anubhavi Anand	Daniel
1st	VII C	Shreya Jain	David
2nd		Ayushi Mohanty	David
3rd		Mohit Lather	Moses
1st	VII D	Titiksha Yadav	Solomon
2nd		Rishita Awana	Solomon
3rd		Archita Pant	Daniel
1st	VIII A	Avni Choudhary	Solomon
2nd		Vyom Bali Mathur	David
3rd		Omanshi	David
1st	VIII B	Aditya Kumar	Moses
2nd		Himanshu	David
3rd		Reyanshi Garg	Daniel
1st	VIII C	Nishtha Singh	Moses
2nd		Tejasvi Sood	Moses

3rd		Unnati Rawat	Solomon
1st	VIII D	Rose Maria Varghese	Solomon
2nd		Shagun Solanki	Solomon
3rd		Sourabh	Moses
1st	IX A	Jahanvi Naithani	Daniel
2nd		Kanishka	Solomon
3rd		Rishita	Solomon
1st	IX B	Savani Agarwal	Solomon
2nd		Pranjal Mishra	Daniel
3rd		Nancy	David
1st	IX C	Aayushi Sharma	Daniel
2nd		Sanya Pandey	Moses
3rd		Deepali Singh	David
1st	IX D	Rhythm	Daniel
2nd		Tania Rangarajan	Moses
3rd		Shuva Chakraborty	Solomon
1st	X A	Vageesha	Solomon
2nd		Monika	Moses
3rd		Aditi Pant	Moses
1st	X B	Harshita	Moses
2nd		Bhavika Choudhary	Daniel
3rd		Spriha Upadhyay	Daniel
1st	X C	Divya Singh	David
2nd		Shruti Gupta	Solomon
3rd		Priyanka Tomar	Solomon
1st	X D	Gunjan	David
2nd		Jagriti	Solomon
3rd		Nishita Mavi	David
1st	XI A	Mansi Chauhan	Moses
2nd		Riya Yadav	David
3rd		Disha	Solomon
1st	XI B	Riya Singh	David
2nd		Paras Bhardwaj	Moses
3rd		Swasti Bhardwaj	Daniel
1st	XI C	Himanshu	David
2nd		Ananya Pal	Solomon
3rd		Kanishka	Moses
1st	XI D	Manvi	Solomon
2nd		Gautam	Daniel
3rd		Ayush Chauhan	Solomon
1st	XII A	S. Akshita	Daniel
2nd		Pragya Jain	Daniel

3rd		Nishita Sharma	David
1st	XII B	Shambhavi	Solomon
2nd		Ojaswita Tiwari	Moses
3rd		Khushi	Moses
1st	XII C	Agmendu Bhati	Solomon
2nd		Tapisha Bhati	David
3rd		Ishi Ribhu	David
1st	XII D	Rajashri Mitra	Daniel
2nd		Akanksha Thakur	Daniel
3rd		Divyanshi Singh	Moses

19th April, 2018

Inter Section Hindi Creative Writing Competition
Results

Position	Class	Winners	House
1st	VI A	Prachi Srivastava	Daniel
2nd		Dipra Jain	Solomon
3rd		Anushka Verma	Daniel
1st	VI B	Divyanshu	David
2nd		Sirjan Kaur Bhinder	David
3rd		Kushagr Durgapal	Moses
1st	VI C	Pari Porwal	David
2nd		Mayank Bansal	Moses
3rd		Isha Goyal	David
1st	VI D	Ayush Joshi	David
2nd		Amritanshu	David
3rd		Sanskriti Gupta	Moses
1st	VII A	Kashvi Gupta	Solomon
2nd		Gargi Shekhawat	Moses
3rd		Suhana Sharma	Moses
1st	VII B	Samaydhara Chaudhary	Moses
2nd		Dhairya Srivastava	Moses
3rd		Avaljot Singh Arora	David
1st	VII C	Arya Tiwari	David
2nd		Priyanshu Raj	Daniel
3rd		Rishit Singh	Moses
1st	VII D	Shreya Gupta	Daniel
2nd		Lakshay Singh	David
3rd		Avishi Dutta	Solomon
1st	VIII A	Avni Chaudhary	Solomon
2nd		Amie Mishra	David

3rd		Gunjan Agarwal	David
1st	VIII B	Jayati Shubhangi	Moses
2nd		Kasturi Raghuvansh	David
3rd		Aayushi Nagar	Solomon
1st	VIII C	Tejasvi Sood	Moses
2nd		Tania Khan	David
3rd		Nishtha	Moses
1st	VIII D	Aarohi Gupta	Daniel
2nd		Jagruti Yadav	David
3rd		Rohan Sharma	Moses
1st	IX A	Riya Jain	David
2nd		Shreya Pandey	Daniel
3rd		Pranjal Sukhija	David
1st	IX B	Vaibhav Sharma	David
2nd		Nandini Agarwal	David
3rd		Nancy	David
1st	IX C	Aayushi Sharma	Daniel
2nd		Sanya Pandey	Moses
3rd		Pavitra Dwivedi	David
1st	IX D	Udit Singh	Daniel
2nd		Shuva Chakraborty	Solomon
3rd		Sneha	Solomon
1st	X A	Lavanya Gupta	David
2nd		Aditi Pant	Moses
3rd		Aman	David
1st	X B	Sneha Sanwal	Daniel
2nd		Spriha Upadhyay	Daniel
3rd		Bhavika Chaudhari	Daniel
1st	X C	Mansi Pandey	David
2nd		Urvi Thapliyal	Daniel
3rd		Malya Singh	David
1st	X D	Jiniya Goel	David
2nd		Jagriti Mishra	Solomon
3rd		Piyush Gupta	Solomon

10th April – 1st May, 2018

'Play a sport. It will teach you how to win honourably, lose gracefully, respect authority, work cordially, manage time and stay out of trouble'.

Sports are an integral part of our lives. They help chisel the overall personality of the students. Upholding this view, Inter-Section Volleyball Competitions were organized for Classes VII to XII both in Boys and Girls categories. The Young sports enthusiasts participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The result of the competitions are as follows:

Inter Section Volleyball Competition
Girls – Results

CLASS	DATE OF THE EVENT	
VII	10.04.2018	VII B v/s VII-D, Winner VII B
		VII C v/s VII A, Winner VII C
		Final VII B v/s VII C
		Winning Team — VII C
VIII	11.04.2018	VIII C v/s VIII B, Winner VIII B
		VIII D v/s VIII A, Winner VIII A
		Final VIII B v/s VIII A
		Winning Team — VIII A
IX	16.04.2018	IX C v/s IX D, Winner IX D
		IX A v/s IX B, Winner IX A
		Final IX A v/s IX D
		Winning Team — IX D
X	17.04.2018	X C v/s X D, Winner X C
		X A v/s X B, Winner X A
		Final X A v/s X C
		Winning Team — X A
XI	16.04.2018	XI C v/s XI D, Winner XI D
		XI A v/s XI B, Winner XI B
		Final XI B v/s XI D
		Winning Team — XI D
XII	17.04.2018	XII B v/s XII C, Winner XII B
		XII A v/s XII D, Winner XII D
		Final XII A v/s XII B
		Winning Team — XII A

Boys – Results

Class	Date of the Event	Result
VII	23.04.2018	VII A v/s VII B, Winner VII A
		VII C v/s VII D, Winner VII C
		Final VII A v/s VII C
		Winning Team — VII C
VIII	24.04.2018	VIII A v/s VIII C, Winner VIII A
		VIII D v/s VIII B, Winner VIII B
		Final VIII B v/s VIII A
		Winning Team — VIII A
IX	26.04.2018	IX C v/s IX B, Winner IX B
		IX A v/s IX D, Winner IX D
		Final IX A v/s IX D
		Winning Team — IX D

X	27.04.2018	X C v/s X D, Winner X D X A v/s X B, Winner X B Final X D v/s X B **Winning Team — X B**
XI	01.05.2018	XI A v/s XI D, Winner XI A XI B v/s XI C, Winner XI C Final XI A v/s XI C **Winning Team — XI C**
XII	17.04.2018	XII A v/s XII C, Winner XII C XII B v/s XII D, Winner XII D Final XII D v/s XII C **Winning Team — XII D**

MAY

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.

1st May, 2018

"Future is the sculpture, present is its mould and past is its clay"

Career Counselling Session was held at D.P.S, Greater NOIDA for the students of Class XII. Somerville School, Greater NOIDA and several other schools participated in the program. Mr. Jitin Chawla, the resource person, furnished information about the courses offered in Delhi University and other foreign universities like ESSEC (Singapore) for the students of the Classes XI and XII.

A series of Inter House Volleyball Matches were played between Classess XI & XII.
Inter House Volley Ball match was played between XI C v\s XI D The winner was XI D.
Inter House Volley Ball match was played between XI A v\s XI B The winner was XI B
The final match was played between XI D and XI B. Class XI D won the match.
Inter House Volley ball match was conducted between XII A v\s XII C. The winner was class XII C.
Inter House Volley ball match was conducted between XII B v\s XII D. The winner was class XII D.
The winner of the match played between XII C and XII D was XII D.

4th May, 2018

Investiture Ceremony: Senior School

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality". ---Warren Bennis

The Investiture Ceremony of the senior school for the academic session 2018-2019 was held on the 4th of May, 2018 in the school premises.

The Investiture Ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly invested office bearers. Donning the mantle of accountability, they also pledged to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities. We believe that the child centric approach will frame a responsible citizen.

BENEDICTION

The school organised the Benediction Ceremony for the students of Class XII students on 1 February 2019, wherein Class XI students also took part in the solemn ceremony. The students lit diyas and candles signifying the light of knowledge. Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal blessed the students to excel in all fields of life and become responsible citizens of the country; praying for their good result.

Students of Class XII gear up to face the world



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, lights the ceremonial lamp



Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, shares her encouraging message with the outgoing Class XII



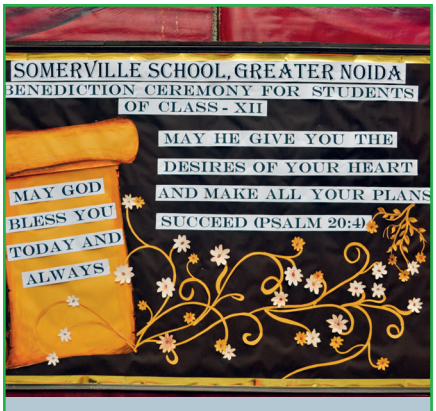
Mrs. Monisha R. Claudius, Vice Principal and Mrs. Shefali Egbert, Head Mistress along with the other senior teachers bid adieu to the outgoing students of Class XII



Students place their 'diyas' on the SSGN layout



Principal, Mary Thomas gave away the mementoes to the outgoing students



Our wishes

Environment Week



Aakanksha of class XII speaks eloquently



Anchors of the Hindi Debate



Best speaker - Kiranpreet Kaur



Dr. Priyam Singh speaks to the audience



Kiranpreet Kaur puts forth her argument



Let's contribute to cleanliness



Arbour Day

Environment Week



Mayank Agarwal reflects on saving our planet



Piyush Pandey expresses his views



Poster Making Competition



Senior students plant a sapling



Some more tips by our judge Ms. Puja Pandey



Learning to dispose garbage in the right way



Winners of Hindi Debate



Winners of Slogan Writing Competition

Environment Week









Vice Principal announces results of Hindi Debate



Poster making competition

INTER HOUSE SPELLATHON COMPETITION - SENIOR SCHOOL



Winners: Spellathon (IX-XII) Solomon House



Winners: Spellathon (VI-VIII) Solomon House



Inter House Spellathon (IX-XII) Second Position Daniel House



Inter House Spellathon (VI-VIII) Second Position Moses House



Spellathon (Classes IX-XII)



Spellathon (Classes VI - VIII)

Expressions

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA hosted the Annual Inter-School Carnival - Expressions 2018. Students from various schools of Noida and Greater NOIDA participated in the three – day long festival. The guests of honour at the inaugural ceremony were Mrs. Mary George, President Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent and Secretary/ Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Mrs. D.A. Tressler, Chairperson and Director Somerville Schools and Mr. Abraham Mathew, Manager, Somerville School Greater NOIDA, Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA. The eminent members set the ball rolling by lighting the inaugural lamp, followed by a hymn presented by the Western Music Choir.

Students from neighboring schools participated with zest and zeal in various activities like Debate, Vers Libre-Poetry Recitation, Western Music, Indian Music, Dance, Spellathon, Quiz, IT events, Art & Craft etc. The Inner Quadrangle of the School pulsated with scintillating music and a lively audience during music and dance events as the participants enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing performances. Masterpieces were created in the Art & Craft room as the contestants made clay models, paintings and Best out of Waste products based on the themes given to them. The Computer wizards gave their best in IT events . The Young Spellers of Classes IV-V brilliantly contested in the spell bee event while the debaters argued the pros and cons of of the topic 'Return of the Gandhian Era is the Need of the Hour'. The students displayed their eloquence in the Poetry Recitation event as they recited the poems based on the theme Childhood. The rhythmic Shloka Chanting by the students of Classes VI-VIII left the audience spellbound.

The three- day long festival concluded with the prize distribution where the overall Winners trophy was bagged by Somerville School, NOIDA and the Runners up trophy was lifted by Somerville International School. The Principal Dr. Mary Thomas gave away the prizes and appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers for making the event a great success.



Mr. Thomas T. Roy, Superintendent, Secretary/ Treasurer L C B M in India, illuminates the Lamp of Wisdom



Our Esteemed Guests



Our Western Music Choir presents a hymn



Indian Music Instrumental Presentation



Nrityaranjini - Group Dance Competition on the theme-Right to Education



Nrityaranjini - Solo Dance Participant



Judges for 'Eloquence'-English Debate



Judges for Sur Sangam - Indian Music Competiton


Shloka Chanting



Aboriginal Art in Progress



Aboriginal Art


Artists at work


Brain Teasers


Computer Wizards


Face Painting


Participants of Clay Modelling



Participants of Mind Bender Crossword


Piyush and Riya - Our Anchors


Senior Expertise Quiz



Somerville School, NOIDA Winners of 'Rendition'-Western Music Competition



Somerville School, Vasudhara Enclave
Participants of Flower Arrangement



Somerville School, NOIDA, Overall Winners

FAREWELL TO OUR TEACHERS









Superannuation of Mrs. Ranjana B. Chauhan

FAREWELL TO OUR TEACHERS









We will miss you Mrs. Rachna Sharma

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Class XII students reflect on the importance of independence



Head Boy Harsh Singh gives a speech



Head Girl Priyanshi Banerjee speaks on the Indian independence

Somerville School Greater NOIDA celebrated 72 years of Indian independence. During the celebration, the significance of independence was highlighted followed by a presentation by the students of Humanities stream on the role of youth in upholding freedom for our country. Thereafter a Street Play was staged by the students of Class X depicting the social evils in today's society. A patriotic song by the melodic Indian Music Choir and dance performance were presented by the senior school students which infused patriotism in the air.

On 15th August, the flag hoisting ceremony took place. It began with an account of the history of the day and the way India welcomes this red letter day followed by hoisting of the Tricolour by the Vice Principal, Ms. Monisha Claudius, and singing of the national anthem. The assembly was then taken forward by the Head Girl - Priyanshi Banerjee and Head Boy – Harsh Singh, who sensitised one and all about the sacrifices made by the foundation builders of the nation and the role of the youth. Students of class XII paid their tribute to the unsung heroes of the motherland. Vice Principal Ma'am gave a heartfelt speech speaking on the true meaning of freedom. The celebrations infused one and all with a patriotic fervour and brimming love for the country.



Indian Music Choir fills the air with the fervour of patriotism



Patriotic colours of our India



The staff and students participate in celebrations

INDEPENDENCE DAY



In the shade of freedom



National Anthem in progress



Vice Principal, Ms.Monisha Claudius unfurls the Tricolour



Remembering our great freedom fighters



The official address to the gathering



'Jana-Gana-Mana' - Paying tribute to the motherland

Investiture Ceremony : Senior School



PRINCIPAL, DR. MARY THOMAS MOTIVATES THE STUDENTS WITH HER MESSAGE



PRINCIPAL, DR. MARY THOMAS PINNING THE BADGE FOR HEAD BOY - HARSH SINGH



PRINCIPAL, DR. MARY THOMAS PINNING THE BADGE FOR THE HEAD GIRL - PRIYANSHI BANERJEE



ADITYA SINGH - VICE SPORTS CAPTAIN



COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE VALUE OF THE SCHOOL



C R SNAYGA-SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PREFECT



LISTENING TO THE ULTIMATE LEADER



DANIEL HOUSE CONTINGENT



DANIEL HOUSE MARCHING PAST



SAKSHI ROY-DANIEL HOUSE CAPTAIN

Investiture Ceremony : Senior School



DAVID HOUSE CONTINGENT



DAVID HOUSE - MARCH PAST



ISHI RIBHU - DAVID HOUSE CAPTAIN



MOSES HOUSE CONTINGENT



MOSES HOUSE - TAKING ON THE FLAG



SAKSHAM SINHA - MOSES HOUSE CAPTAIN



SOLOMON HOUSE LED BY PRACHIR AGARWAL HOUSE CAPTAIN



MANASVI GARG - DISCIPLINE PREFECT



MANSI MAHAHTA - DISCIPLINE PREFECT



SHOULDERING NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

Investiture Ceremony : Senior School



P.PAUL JONATHAN - ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY



RISHABH BANERJEE - VICE HEAD BOY



SCHOOL HEAD GIRL ADMINISTERS THE OATH TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL



SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAIN - AKANKSHA THAKUR



VICE HEAD GIRL - KIRANPREET KAUR



TARUN TRIPATHI - DISCIPLINE PREFECT



WESTERN MUSIC CHOIR LEADS IN PRAYER



NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL OF MEMBERS
(SENIOR SCHOOL - SESSION 2018-19)

ELECTION CAMPAIGN



AKANSHA THAKUR



ANKITA SINGH



GURLEEN KAUR



HARSH SINGH



ISHI RIBHU



MANASVI GARG



P.PAUL JONATHAN

ELECTION CAMPAIGN



MUSKAN GUPTA



NISHANT SHARMA



PRACHIR AGRAWAL



PRIYANSHI BANERJEE



RAJARSHI MITRA



SAKSHAM SINHA



SAKSHI ROY



SNAYGA C.R.



TARUN TRIPATHI



VIDUSHI MAHATHA



VIKRANT



Teacher's Day

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires" - William Arthur Ward.

The School Management sent an inspiring message to the teaching staff that filled everyone with enthusiasm and heartfelt gratitude. Teacher's day was celebrated on 5th September 2018 in the audio-visual room where the students of Class XII presented an entertaining ensemble of music,dance,skit and speech on the importance and value of celebrating Teacher's day. This was followed by an outing on 6th September 2018. The teachers went to the Grand Venice mall,watched a movie and enjoyed a scrumptious meal. In a nutshell,it was an awesome experience which all teachers shall cherish forever. Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. Harriet Tubman Let us remember: "*One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.*"



MENTORS



OUR CHIEF GUESTS



PRINCIPAL, DR MARY THOMAS,OUR INSPIRATION



PRINCIPAL, DR MARY THOMAS APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS OF THE STUDENTS

The auspicious occasion started with a prayer to begin the event. Principal of the school, Dr. Mary Thomas, Vice Principal, Monisha Claudius graced the occasion.
The programme commenced with a hymn sung by the Western Music Choir. Thereafter the Principal pinned the badges and sashes to the newly elected council members. Members of the council took the oath and solemnly affirmed in the name of the Almighty to serve the institution with their heart and soul. This was followed by march past by all four houses.
Honourable Principal ma'am, shared words of wisdom with the new leaders to well utilize this opportunity and rise as leaders, balance it well with academics to excel in both fields. The ceremony concluded with the entire school rising to sing the school song. The proud Somervillians sang the school song to conclude the ceremony.

7th May, 2018

Children of Classes VIII – XII went to see the movie HICHKI, organized by The Hindustan Times at Omaxe Connaught Place Mall. The movie sensitized positive changes toward differently abled adults & under privileged children.

9th May, 2018

Children of Classes III – VII went to see the movie PETER RABBIT. The movie showed how the animals muster courage and fight back the unfriendly stewards who pose a threat to their peaceful living.

10th May, 2018

Inter House Western Music Competition for Classes VI – VIII was held in the inner quadrangle stirring presentation of the English songs added a new feather to their cap. The event showcased three categories of student singers. The solo male, solo female, duet and the chorus singers for the different houses. The program rose to its final crescendo with the presentation of the chorus round and the beautiful resonance lingered in the mind of everyone. Mrs. Ranjana Chauhan and Ms. Esther Amarnath were the judges for the event. It was a enjoyable time for the judges to judge & identify the minute details of perfection that differentiated the competitive spirit the performance of the contestants.
Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Ranjana Chauhan congratulated the students for their stupendous performance and blessed them to accomplish all their set goals and reach the pinnacle of success.
The results of the Inter House Western Music Competition is as follows:

Inter House Western Music Competition : Classes VI – VIII
Results

Male Solo

Position	**Name of Students**	**Class**	**House**
1st	Yash Rawal	VI A	Solomon
2nd	Vyom Bali Mathur	VIII A	David
3rd	Shaurya Elijah Nanda	VI C	Moses

Female Solo

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	Archita Pant	VII D	Daniel
2nd	Gargi Shekhawat	VII A	Moses
3rd	Kathrin Peter	VI A	Solomon

Duet Contemporary

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	Shaurya Elijah Nanda	VI C	Moses
	Navya Saini	VIII A	Moses
2nd	Amie Mishra	VIII A	David
	Kasturi Raghuvansh	VIII D	David
3rd	Yashika Singh	VIII C	Daniel
	Tanya Tanwar	VIII D	Daniel

Group

1st Position
Moses House
Agrim Rana, VI A
Anushree Basak, VI B
Adrika, VI B
Jiya Prakash Singh, VI D
Irene Jijo, VI D
Bhavya Jha, VI D
Dhairya Srivastava, VI B
Himanshi Nimesh, VII B
Ashmi Verma, VII D
Gargi Shekhawat, VII A
Ananya Pundhir, VII C
Urvashi Anand, VIII C
Robin Prakash Abraham, VIII D
Rohan Singh, VIII D
Navya Saini, VIII A
Vartika Singh, VIII A
Atharva Singh, VIII B
Sahil Pradhan, VIII B
Vanshika Jain, VIII B
Roshni Nandan, VIII D
Vageesha, VII A
Nandini Bisht, VII A
Ayaan Verma, VII A

2nd Position
David House
Pariporwal, VI C
Arnav Srivastava, VI D
Aryatiwari, VII C
Amie Mishra, VIII A
Ayushi Mohanty, VII C
Kasturi Raghuvansh, VIII B
Riddima Singh, VII A
Aleena Rajeev, VIII B
Bhumikashrivastava, VII A
Anushkathapliyal, VIII C
Vaishnavibadola, VI B
Fairy Tyagi, VII A
Anvita Singh Danu, VI A
Vanshbhardwaj, VI B
Joseph Khatri, VI A
Mohd. Fizanulhaque, VI D
Sakshamsrivastava, VIII D
Sparshverma, VIII C
Ayush Joshi, VI D
Chirag Joshi, VI A
Adnan Ansari, VIII D
Rishabhpratap Singh, VIII A
Aayushman Chulet, VIII A
Vyom Bali Mathur, VIII A

3rd Position
Solomon House
Mayank Kumar, VIII D
Rose Maria Varghese, VIII D
Abhijeet Singh Sahdev, VIII B
Vansh Singh, VIII A
Avni Chaudhary, VIII A
Akshat Sharma, VIII A
Dakshbhati, VII A
Abhipratap Singh, VII A
Swayam Singhai, VII A
Yashvardhan Pannu, VII B
Yash Arora, VIII B
Lakshay Rajput, VIII B
Romir Zadoo, VIII B
Dristi Jain, VIII B
Krishank Ghosh, VIII C
Abhiroop Singh, VIII C
Vaibhavrana, VI A
Parth Bansal, VI B
Abhinav Choudhary, VI B
Gurneel Singh, VI C
Ashika, VI D
Kathrin Peter, VI A
Yashrawal, VI A

11th May, 2018

An Inter House Spellathon for Classes VI – VIII and IX – XII was conducted on May 4th May '2018, to enrich the knowledge quotient of the children. Mrs. Dimple Joseph conducted the spellathon for the senior classes, while Mrs. Libina Alex conducted the competition for the Middle School. Learning and revising spellings helps the children to cement the connection between the letters and their sounds. The children displayed their talents in each and every round of the competition. It was a brain storming session. It marked their great interest, skill and aptitude towards the subject.

The results of the Spellathon contest for the Classes VI – VIII are as follows:

Results

Position	House Name		Class
1st	Solomon	Elizabeth Anna Joseph	VI A
		Samaira Srivastava	VII D
		Tejaswita Tiwari	VII C
		Aviral Mishra	VIII B
2nd	Moses	Mohit Dubey	VI B
		Jeet Aditya Ojha	VII C
		Jayati Shubhangee	VIII B
		Bhumika Dwivedi	VIII A
3rd	David	Arnav Srivastav	VI D
		Bhimansh Grover	VII D
		Ananya Chopra	VIII D
		Jagriti Yadav	VIII D
4th	Daniel	Renee Sarah Williams	VI B
		Abhishek Gupta	VII C
		Pratyush Singh	VIII A
		Ayush Sagar	VIII C

The Spell Champ was Bhumika Dwivedi, VIII A, Moses House

The results of the spellathon contest for Classes XI – XII are as follows:

Position	House	Name	Class
1st	David	Aditya Joshi	XI D
		Sulagna Dash	XII C
		Mayank	XI B
		Nancy	IX
2nd	Daniel	Sheikh Malaika Kalia	XII C
		Navya Goel	IX D
		Vacchan Shetty	X B
		S. Versha	XI C
3rd	Solomon	Rini Daniel	IX C
		Devanshi	XC

		Kiran Preet Kaur	XI D
		Prachi Agarwal	XII B
4th	Moses	Alan Rajeev	XII D
		Archas Srivastava	X D
		Shreya R. Nanda	IX D
		Tania Som	IX C

The Spell Champ was Aditya Joshi, X–D, David House

11th May, 2018

Visit to ITS (Engineering College), Greater NOIDA

The students of Class XII (Science division) visited the esteemed institution, I. T. S with their science teachers to explore the infinite world of science.

The visit aimed to throw light on the difference engineering can create in our lives. The students were taken to the laboratories where they learnt various concepts with utmost eagerness. This was followed by a brief quiz which embarked a great magnitude of enthusiasm among the students. The session ended with the valuable words of the professors and chairman of the institution, which was followed by a vote of thanks by Mrs. Seema Yogendra (H. O. D Biology)

14th May, 2018

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA has always been rational and sincere in meeting the emotional and psychological needs of the children. The school knows the way to resolve adolescent problems. Prioritizing the physical and mental health of the children, a workshop was conducted for Classes IX – XII, by the Disease Management Association of India on the 9th, 10th and 14th of May, 2018 in the school premises to deal with the adolescent problems, stress related problems and the problems related to drug addiction. The workshop benefitted the children immensely.

The table below displays the classes and the problems discussed during the workshop.

CLASS	TOPIC
VIII	Adolescent Problems
IX A & B	Adolescent Problems
IX C & D	Adolescent Problems
X	Stress
XI	Drug Addiction
XII	Stress

18th May, 2018

Inter House Western Music Competition was held at Somerville School, Greater NOIDA for Classes IX – XII. The theme for the competition was 'Contemporary Music'. The competition consisted of four categories: Solo Male, Solo Female, Duet and Group. The participants displayed their talents very confidently. The audience was mesmerized by the charm of the singers. The judges for the event Mr. Shang (a grade 7 from Trinity College, London and a music teacher in Somerville International School, Greater NOIDA) and Mr. Mashungam (member of the church choir (tenor) associated with the Band - Epistles and a grade 5 Western Classical guitarist) praised the children

for their fabulous performance and acknowledged the sincere and dedicated efforts of the western music teachers of the school.

The results of Western Music Competition is as follows:

Inter House Western Music Competition (Seniors)
Results

Male Solo

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	M. Sairam	XI C	Moses
2nd	Vytik Vinod	XII D	David
3rd	Vinayak Pathak	X B	Daniel

Female Solo

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	P. Varnika Bali Mathur	X D	Solomon
2nd	Vidushi Mahatha	XII C	Moses
3rd	Sakshi Roy	XII B	Daniel

Duet (Contemporary)

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	Prince P. Abraham	XII A	Daniel
	Pragya Jain	XII A	Daniel
	Gauri Mohan	XI A	Moses
	Ayush Gupta	XI A	Moses
2nd	Mansi Mahatha	XII B	Solomon
	Gagan Varshney	XI C	Solomon
3rd	Muskan Gupta	XII C	David
	Samaira Kashyap	X C	David

Group

1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
Daniel House	**Solomon House**	**Moses House**
Harsh Upadhyay, IX D	Rishita Singh, IX A	Esha Kaul, IX D
Aman Sharma, IX D	Sanjana, IX A	Sherin Gogia, IX B
Navya Goel, IX D	Komal Yadav, IX A	Tvisha. V, IX D
Udit Singh, IX D	Kanishka Negi, IX A	Daniel Awana, IX B
Saakshit Goyal, IX D	Ananya Mishra, IX B	P. Jonathan, XII C
Austin John, IX C	Ayushi Maurya, IX B	Sagar Mittal, XII B
Rukmani Sharma, IX C	Vaibhav Pratap Singh, IX B	Ayush Gupta, XI A
Gaurangi Rastogi, IX B	Sneha, IX D	Gauri Mohan, XI A
Vinayak Pathak, X B	Vansh Patel, IX C	Vidushi Mahatha, XII C
Vinayak Sharma, IX D	Ingeella Himani, IX C	M. Sairam, XI C

Vachan Shetty, X B
Prachet Sahu, X D
Rakesh Sharma, X D
Serah Chacho, X B
Pragya Jain, XII A
Prince P. Abraham, XII A
Sakshi Roy, XII B
Surbhi Kaul, XI D
Karanveer Singh, X A
Khushi Choube, IX C
Arpit Gahlot, IX C
Sourish Yadav, X A
Sahil Shreyansh, X A
Srishti Roy, X B
Hrishita Sharma, X C
Varnika Bali Mathur, X D
Aditya Pandey, XI A
Gagan Varshney, XI C
Mansi Mahatha, XII B
Snayga C R, XII B
Vidit Chauhan, XII D
Aditi Rathi, XI D
Apoorva Gupta, X B
Yasodhan Jyoti Prakash, XI C
Sarah Dillu, XII C
Kanishka Tanwar, XI C
Khushnoor Kaur, XI D
Shreyansh Shukla, IX D
Dev Bharadwaj, IX D
Arohi Deep, IX B
Drishti Khatri, X C

Overall Winners : Moses House

JULY

To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.

1st July, 2018

A Staff meeting chaired by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas was conducted. All the teachers were present for the Staff Meeting held in the school premises. Ms. Monisha Claudius, Vice Principal welcomed the staff members back after the summer break. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas instructed and guided the teachers to prepare for the session ahead. Department meetings were held thereafter in the school premises.

2nd July, 2018

The school reopened after summer break for the students of Classes Nur – XII. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas welcomed the students with a word of prayer and encouraged them to gear up for good results after a relaxing summer break.

11th July, 2018

Environment Week : Arbour Day Celebration

As an institution begins, we try and instill positive care and concern for the environment among the students. As part of the initiative, 'Environment Week' is celebrated each year with an array of activities scheduled for the students. This year too several activities were conducted to engage the thinking minds for the same purpose.

A Painting Competition was held to mark this eventful day. Results of the event are as follows:

Arbour Day Painting Competition
Results

Position	Class	Name	House
1st	VI B	Mehul Kushwaha	Daniel
2nd	VI C	Janhavi Vats	Solomon
3rd	VI A	Elizabeth Anna Joseph	Solomon
1st	VII B	Disha Tripathi	Daniel
2nd	VII B	Drishti Jain	Solomon
3rd	VII C	Ananya Pundir	Moses
1st	VIII A	Megha Sharma	David
2nd	VIII B	Vishesh Singh	Moses
3rd	VIII B	Jayati Shubhangee	Moses
1st	IX C	Aayushi Sharma	Daniel
2nd	IX C	Devanshi	Daniel
3rd	IX B	Aarohi Deep	Moses
3rd	IX C	Gauri Ajay Kumar	Daniel
1st	X B	Shweta Dubey	Solomon
1st	X B	Aditya Malik	Daniel
2nd	X C	Tripti Soni	Moses
2nd	X B	Bhavika Chaudhary	Daniel
3rd	X C	Aditi Shukla	Solomon
1st	XI A	Mansi Chauhan	Moses
2nd	XI A	Hetal Bansal	David
3rd	XI A	Mayank Rawat	Solomon

12th July, 2018

Students of the school planted saplings around the school campus to manifest their love and concern for nature. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas encouraged the students to care for the environment for a greener future.

13th July, 2018

Senior students also debated on the issues of environmental concern. An Inter House Hindi Debate Competition was held on this occasion.

Winners of the event were:

Inter House Hindi Debate (Classes IX – XII)
Results

Best Speakers

Topic	Students Name	House
For The Motion	Kiranpreet Kaur, XI D	Solomon
Against The Motion	Akanksha Thakur, XII D	Daniel

Best Team

Topic	Students Name	House
For The Motion	Surbhi Kaul, XI D	Daniel
Against The Motion	Akanksha Thakur, XII D	Daniel

16th July, 2018

Felicitation Ceremony for the CBSE toppers of Classes X & XII was held in the school quadrangle Ms. Manila Verma, Senior Coordinator read out the result which, was par excellence. Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal thanked the Lord Almighty for a brilliant result. Ma'am congratulated the students for their sincere efforts. Teachers were appreciated for their tireless perseverance. Thereafter toppers of various streams were felicitated, followed by Class X students. Kiranpreet Kaur was awarded the prestigious Muivah Award for academic and co-curricular excellence.

23rd July - 27th July, 2018

"It is not about the technology, it is about sharing knowledge and information, communicating efficiently, building learning communities and creating a culture of professionalism in schools. These are the key responsibilities of all educational leaders" ---Marian Cinapolis

With this thought, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA under the guidance of our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas organized series of computer activities throughout the week for Classes VI to XII from 23rd July, 2018 to 27th July, 2018. These events were planned to indulge students in fun activities with a healthy competitive spirit and enhanced their technical skills.

The week offered multifarious activities to bring out the technical, creative and scholastic skills of the students. There were surfeit activities which were conducted for various classes. It was indeed a pleasure to see the students reach out to be the technological geniuses and polish their talents to paint a moment of their own imagination in the canvas of their life.

We believe such competitions will promote the student's interest in learning new concepts to the core.

Following is the list of events conducted with the name of winners:

		Results		
Date	**Event Name**	**Position**	**Name of Students**	**Class/Sec**
23.07.18 (Day 1)	Pivot Animation	1st	Ayaan Verma	VII A
			Sai Praveen	VII A
		2nd	Sarthak Singh Bisht	VII B
			Yash Arora	VII B
		3rd	Krishank Ghosh	VII C
			Priyanshu	VII A
			Lakshya Raj	VII B
24.07.18 (Day 2)	IT Quiz	1st	Akshat Sharma	VIII A
			Suraj Chouksey	VIII C
			Lakshay Raj	VIII C
			Shubham Sanwal	VII A
		2nd	Utkarsh Upadhyay	VIII D
			Dev Singhal	VIII D

		3rd	Divyansh	VIII C
			Krishank Ghosh	VII C
			Deepansh Dixit	VII D
			Samarth Kannodia	VIII C
			Abhijeet	VIII B
			Ayaan Verma	VII A
	Web Designing	1st	Kumar Shalabh	IX C
			Harsh Upadhyay	IX D
		2nd	Udit Singh	IX D
			Srijan Anand	IX B
		3rd	Sneha	IX D
			Anubhi Jain	IX D
25.07.18 (Day 3)	IT Quiz	1st	Vinaik Pathak	X B
			Bhavika Chaudhary	X B
			Srijan Anand	IX B
			Shiven Upadhyay	IX D
		2nd	Animesh Pandey	X B
			Apekshita Agarwal	X A
			Udit Singh	IX D
			Tanush Virmani	IX C
		3rd	Avi Yadav	X B
			Adeep Sharma	X C
			Divye Joshi	IX B
			Anusha Pandey	IX A
	Photoshop Cover Page	1st	Abhishek Jaiswal	VIII C
			Aditya Adhikari	VIII C
		2nd	Utkarsh Upadhyay	VIII D
			Dev Singhal	VIII D
		3rd	Suraj Chouksey	VIII C
			Divyansh Ranjan	VIII C
			Siddhath Bansal	VIII B
			Kushagra Tripathi	VIII B
26.07.18 (Day 4)	Group Discussion	1st	Ojasvi Arora	XII B
		2nd	Archas Srivastava	XI C
		3rd	Rishabh Banarjee	XI B
			Mayank Agarwal	XI B
27.07.18 (Day 5)	Power Point Presentation	1st	Gurneel Singh	VI C
			Samrat Singh	VI C
		2nd	Akshay Gupta	VI C
			Aditya Raman	VI C
		3rd	Saurabh Sharma	VI C
			Shaurya Elijah Nanda	VI C

AUGUST

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

4th August, 2018

Junior School Annual Day 'An Enchanted Dream' was staged. Students from Junior School presented a maginificent play in the presence of members of the School Management and parents. Great pomp and splendour, accorded the pageant of art, music & drama which left the audience spell-bound & thrilled.

5th August, 2018

A Rangoli Making Competition was held to enlighten the students about the importance of voting, to train them in the electoral process and to encourage them to ensure that the adults around them exercise their franchise.

10th August, 2018

The Inter House Indian Music and Instrumental Music Competitions were organized. The budding singers gave their presentations with great zeal and finesse in three categories - Solo, Group and Instrumental. Theme for solo category was sufi songs while the group category had folk songs as its theme. Students from Classes VI – X participated with great enthusiasm in the event. The composition motivated the young participants to give their best in future.

Inter House Indian Music Competition
Results

Solo

Position	Name of Students	Class	House
1st	Harsh Pandey	VII B	Moses
2nd	Aman Sharma	IX D	Daniel
3rd	Pavitra Dwivedi	IX C	David

Group

1st Position	2nd Position	2nd Position
Daniel House	**Solomon House**	**Moses House**
Divit Rastogi, VI A	Kathrin Peter, VI A	Aadrika, VI B
Anushka Verma, VI A	Sashika, VI D	Anushree Basak, VI B
Ananya John, VI A	Mayank Kumar, VIII D	Jiya .p. Singh, VI D
Aakhya Agnihotri, VI B	Maria Farooqui, VI B	Jiya Rajput, VI D
Aditya Raman, VI C	Dhriti Pandey, VI B	Aadya Saxena, VI D
Ashish Kumar Swain, VI D	Gurneel Singh, VI B	Sanskriti Gupta, VI D
Anjoorie Sinha, VII C	Yash Rawal, VI A	Suhana Sharma, VII A
Ashna Garg, VII A	Kanishka Negi, IX A	Nandini Bisht, VII A
C R Raksha, VII D	Komal Yadav, IX A	Vageesha, VII A

Disha Tripathi, VII B
Mokshita Gupta, VIII B
Utkarsh Upadhyay, VIII D
Prakhar Agarwal, VIII D
Harshita, VIII B
Kanishka Thakur, VIII D
Riya Mahur, VI D
Namami Pandey, VIII C
Harsh Upadhyay, IX D
Aman Sharma, IX D
Udit Singh, IX D

Vani Mittal, VI A
Ayushi Maurya, IX B
Ananya Mishra, IX B
Vansh Singh, VIII A
Shivansh Saxena, VIII C
Unnati Rawat, VIII C
Rishita Singh, IX A
Avni Choudhary, VIII A
Abhi Pratap Singh, VII A
Kashvi Gupta, VII A
Parth Mittal, VIII D
Sneha, IX D
Palak Maheshwari, IX C
Shrishti Yadav, IX C
Shreyanshi, VI C
Avishi Dutta, VII D

Gargi Shekhawat, VII A
Palak Sharma, VII D
Ashmi Verma, VII D
Bhumika Dwivedi, VIII A
Navya Saini, VIII A
Vartika Singh, VIII A
Vanshika Jain, VIII B
Sonal Singh, VIII D
Naina Singh, VIII D
Roshni Nandan Sahay, VIII D
Shagun Solanki, VIII D
Premlata, VIII D
Nikarika Tyagi, IX A
Ayushi Garg, IXA

3rd Position David House

Ayushman Sharma, VI D
Aayushman Chulet, VIII A
Sakham Srivastava, VIII D
Annanya Chopra, VIII D
Amie Mishra, VIII A
Shreya Jain, VII C
Gunjan Agarwal, VIII A
Aleena Rajeev, VIII B
Nandani Singh, VIII C
Ayushi Mohanty, VII C
Arya Tiwari, VII C

Tania Khan, VIII C
Jagruti Yadav, VIII D
Riddima Singh, VII A
Isha Goyal, VI C
Aayesha Ahmed, VIII B
Mahi Yadav, VII D
Anvita Singh, VI A
Tania Goyal, IX D
Kriti Budholia, VII B
Mansi Modi, X A
Lavanya Gupta, X A

Inter House Instrumental Music Competition Results

Group

1st Position
Daniel House
Harshita, VIII B
Kanishka Thakur, VIII D
Mokshita Gupta, VIII B
Austin John, IX C
Aman Sharma, IX D
Manuj Tyagi, IX C
Udit Singh, IX D

2nd Position
Solomon House
Shivansh Saxena, VIII C
Mayank Kumar, VIII D
Parth Mittal, VIII D
Unnati Rawat, VIII C
Avni Chaudhary, VIII A
Divyansh Khare, VIII D
Rose Maria Varghese, VIII D
Abhijeet Singh Sahdev, VIII B
Ronit Choudhary, VIII B
Lakshya Raj, VII C

3rd Position
Moses House
Dev, VII D
Keshav Bansal, VII D
Divyansh, VIII C
Jeet Aditya Ojha, VII C
Nishant Krishnan, VII A

13th – 17th August, 2018 – Patriotic Week

13th August, 2018

An English Essay Writing Competition for Classes VI — XII was organized on the topic 'Petroleum' - Save the resources.

The students participated enthusiastically as they understood the need to preserve fuel and to take measures for the same.

14th August, 2018

A special assembly was conducted during the Patriotic Week wherein a Street Play titled 'Azadi' was staged by Class X students on the values of independence and depicted the social evils prevalent in society. The play left everyone enthralled as they contemplated upon the various issues raised by the young actors.

A Painting Competition was conducted on the topic 'Save fuel for a better environment'.

15th August, 2018

Independence Day was celebrated in school with great fervor and zeal. The Tricolour was hoisted by Vice Principal, Ms. Monisha Claudius. Class XII students spoke on the various aspects of Indian independence and the assembly was taken forward as Class XII sensitised everyone about the sacrifices made by the foundation builders of the nation and the role of the youth. A tribute was paid to the unsung heroes followed by a presentation by choir.

16th August, 2018

An Inter House English Debate Competition was organized for Classes IX – XII on the topic 'Media influences public opinion : Is this what we call democracy?' Students tried to prove their stance as they spoke for or against the motion.

Inter House English Debate (Classes IX – XII)

Results

Best Speakers

Topic	**Students Name**	**House**
For The Motion	Sheikh Malaika Kalia, XII C	Daniel
Against The Motion	Ritika Sharma, X C	Moses
Best Interjector	Vachan Shetty, X C	Daniel
	Samaira Kashyap, X C	David

24th August, 2018

An Inter House Rangoli competition was organized for Senior School on the theme of 'Save fuel for a better future'. Students made beautiful rangolis depicting the theme with vibrant colours and innovative ideas.

Inter House Rangoli Competition
Results

Topic : Save Fuel For Better Environment

Position	Team	Students Name	Class	House
1st	A	Srida Agarwal	IX B	Solomon
		Shuva Chakraborty	IX D	
2nd	D	Megha Sharma	VIII A	David
		Gunjan	VIII A	
3rd	C	Manvi Bansal	IX B	Daniel
		Divyanshi	IX D	
4th	B	Navya Singh	VIII A	Moses
		Bhumika Dwivedi	VIII A	

SEPTEMBER

Challenges are what make life interesting. Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

4th September, 2018
Teacher's Day Celebrations were organised by students with great enthusiasm and gratitude for their teachers. The senior students presented an enchanting programme in order to commemorate the day. It was a harmonious blend of imagination, creativity and entertainment.

7th September, 2018
Mid term examination commenced for students of Classes I – XII.

23rd September, 2018
'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' was conducted with the belief in following the principle that 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'. Students were encouraged to follow high standards of hygiene in life.
It is our duty as a responsible citizens to ensure a clean and harmonious environment. We as individuals in society need to work together and strive towards achieving personal, societal and global cleanliness all around the world. Students participated enthusiastically in the event under the guidance of our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas.

OCTOBER

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

1st October, 2018
Mahatma Gandhi's birthday was celebrated with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism. The special assembly held was a sincere effort by the students of Classes XI and XII in order to give a deep insight into the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi.

4th October, 2018
A workshop was conducted by NIIT for Mathematics teachers of the school.

5th October, 2018
ITS Quiz was held for Classes XI and XII. Students participated with the zeal to learn and win.

6th October, 2018
A Science Exhibition was held in the Biology Lab and inner Quadrangle, wherein students showcased static and working models. Students were encouraged to develop a scientific fervor and an attitude of research mindedness so that they develop qualities of analytical and critical thinking.

7th October, 2018
Maths Olympiad was conducted for Class XII. Logical reasoning and analytical skills of the students were tested as they competed to reach the final round of the Olympiad.

16th October, 2018
Students of Class VII visited to Kiran Nadar Museum of Art. They enjoyed themselves amidst the paints and brushes, clay and colours. It was a learning experience for the teachers as well. They tried their hand at art work.

24th October, 2018
India is a land of "Unity in Diversity". The numerous races, castes, creeds, religions and languages in India have adorned our country with an exceptional diversity. It is important for us to know the significance of Valmiki Jayanti a day marked to celebrate the great sage Valmiki, the author of the epic Ramayana, irrespective of the inequalities that govern us. With this aim, the school organized a special assembly to celebrate Valmiki Jayanti.

29th – 30th October, 2018
As per the directives issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, 'Vigilance Awareness Week' was celebrated on the theme 'Eradicate Corruption–Build a new India'. Various activities such as, essay writing, slogan writing and poster making were organised in the school. The campaign saw an enthusiastic response from the students and teachers alike. The main focus of these activities was to encourage our young learners to fight against corruption. Classes X – XII took the 'Citizens Integrity Pledge' to uphold high standards of honesty and integrity at all times and to support the fight against corruption.

NOVEMBER

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination

6th November 2018
A Special Assembly was organized to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights. Colourful dance

performances, songs and a skit presented by the middle school added to the festive fervour

14th November 2018

Children's Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm. The students of Classes VI-XII had a fun filled day as they watched Sherlock Holmes series in their respective classrooms on the samrt boards.

15th November-17th November

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA hosted the Annual Inter School Carnival – Expressions 2018. Students from various schools of NOIDA and Greater NOIDA participated in the three day long festival.

20th November 2018

A Workshop on Road Safety was organized to observe the Road Safety month. Mr. Balveer Singh, Inspector, NOIDA Traffic Police conducted the workshop for the students of Classes IX–XI, Staff and the school bus drivers. They were made aware about various Road Safety Measures, while driving and walking on the road.

30th November 2018

The Senior School Annual Function was held on 30th November 2018. The students of Classes VIII, IX and XI enthralled the audience with their marvellous presentation of the Broadway hit Musical: 'Wicked-Story of the Witches of Oz'.

DECEMBER

"Preparation is the key to success."

4th to 6th December, 2018

A workshop on *DISEASE MANAGEMENT* was conducted in the school from 4th December 2018 to 6th December, 2018 for the students of Classes IV – IX. A three-day health awareness programme was organised by DMAI (Disease Management Association India). The resource person, Ms. Arti Girdhar spoke to the students of different age groups on Health & Nutrition (Class IV) and Personal Hygiene (Class V), Health and Nutrition (Class VI), Obesity (Class VII), Mobile-Deaddiction (Class VIII), Anti bullying (Class IX). The students actively interacted with the speaker and clarified their queries. The audio-visuals and the interactive session created awareness among our students and teachers with the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle

6th December, 2018

As per the CBSE guidelines, Dr. Mary Thomas, Principal, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA had a brief session with the students of Classes X and XII on the techniques to conquer the CBSE Examination 2019. On Thursday, 6th December 2018, she interacted with the students of each section. Ma'am stressed on the rewards of hard work and the means to achieve success. This

helped them to enhance their concentration while preparing for board exams. Staying focused to accomplish their goal was highlighted. She also mentioned the importance of being regular to school and explained that truancy would have negative impact on their personal scores. On the whole, the session instilled confidence and helped students to overcome the examination fear.

12th December, 2018

Study Tour Class XII

Class XII students of Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, visited Crafts Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art and National Museum at Janpath on 12th December 2018. Thirty students from our school were accompanied by Mr. Tapas and Ms. Manila Verma. It was a perfect place for the Art Students as they could explore various art forms and learn more about Indian History as well as Modern History. Students observed various art forms and paintings exhibited. The tour was thus, a memorable experience for the students as they could reach beyond their books and expand their horizons on the subject.

13th December, 2018

Fine Arts students of Classes XI and XII, Somerville School, Greater NOIDA, visited Surajpur Bird Sanctuary. Fifty students were accompanied by Ms. Mamta Mehrotra and Mr. Suhaib Siddiqui. The students enjoyed watching a plethora of birds species. It was a day well spent as the students treasured the moment spent and gained knowledge on the different species of birds. Mr. Tapas Jana, Senior Art Teacher encouraged the students to, sketch and paint live pictures of birds and the scenery at the Bird sanctuary.

15th December, 2018

Campaign on Rubella and Measles

Somerville School, Greater NOIDA organised a campaign on measles-rubella vaccination on 15th December, 2018. It was an initiative taken by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. A campaign was organised for children from the age of 3 to 15 years. The Government Officials, DMO and their team visited the school and took care of the campaign. The team was introduced to the parents. They briefed the parents on the Measles-Rubella vaccination followed by which the team was placed in the alotted classrooms. The campaign went on well as the parents were happy with the initiative taken by the School.

19th December, 2018

Western Music Choir members showcased their talent before an august gathering. Our dance troupe presented tap dance for the audience. The parents enjoyed listening to live singing by their children on the occasion of Christmas season. Members of the Management, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, graced 'Fantasia'. It encouraged students & teachers alike. The Indian Music Choir also sung praises to Lord Jesus to mark the advent season.

20th December, 2018

Special Christmas Assembly was conducted to encourage children. Students from Classes I – V presented a short play sang carols. The Western Music Choir of the Junior School sang beautifully.

Mr. Rimai encouraged the students to enjoy the special assembly by singing along with the choir. Dr. Mary Thomas conveyed 'Season Greeting' to students & teachers.

JANUARY

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world

7th January, 2019

The School reopened for Classes VI – XII after winter break. Students came back, all prepared and geared up for the final term.

9th January, 2019

Pre board exams commenced for Classes X and XII students. It was a prelude to the Board Exams. Students prepared for the exams as well as practical exams. Students of Classes VI - IX geared up took Post-Mid Exams.

14th January, 2019

The school reopened for Classes Nursery to V students after the winter break. The little ones prepared for the cold days to stay cosy with studies in the class room.

15th January, 2019

'Maths Olympiad' was conducted in the school for Classes III to XII. 195 students participated in the first round and seven students were selected for the second round.

21st January, 2019

'Talent Hunt Olympiad : Silver Zone' was conducted in the school for students of Classes I to IX. 215 students enthusiastically participated in the event. Assessment was based on children's ability. On General Knowledge, Mental Ability and Conceptual Knowledge of Science, and Mathematics.

Saket Khurna of Class II A held the first position at state rank. A cheque of Rs. 10,000 each was also awarded to Arpit Gehlot and Arsh Srivastava of IX C for their outstanding performance. Retanya Thakur of Class IV C was awarded 21st rank in the Olympiad.

26th January, 2019

'Republic Day Celebrations' were held with zeal and a feeling of patriotism in the school campus. A special assembly was organized on the occasion. Our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas unfurled the National Flag and inspired 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.

FEBRUARY

Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.

1st February, 2019

'Benediction Ceremony' for Class XII students was organised in the school premises. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas blessed the students appearing for Class XII Board Examination. Students of Class XII lit diyas, passing the legacy to Class XI students. Folders and books were presented by Principal Ma'am to each student of Class XII, as a token of our affection.

10th February, 2019

Golden Jubilee Celebrations of all Somerville Schools was celebrated on 10th February in the Nelson Memorial Auditorium, NOIDA. It was an amalgamation of felicitation, cultural programme and various holistic activities. Members of the Management and former Principals of Somerville Schools were felicitated. All the schools put up an interesting and entertaining programme depicting the varied cultures of India.

The event was appreciated by all, it was a memorable day for cherished memories. It echoed the spirit, "All the beads in the world won't make a necklace until you string them together". And the fact that, "Excellence is a combination of sincerity, hard work and a commitment to the institution".

11th February, 2019

A workshop was conducted by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas on 'Error free correction for evaluators'. Live telecast by CBSE was relayed and techniques to achieve a fault free evaluation procedure were specified by the CBSE spokesperson. Queries made by teachers were answered patiently by our Principal Ma'am.

21st February, 2019

Exams commenced for all classes of the senior school as the academic session of memories, rewards and accolades came to an end.

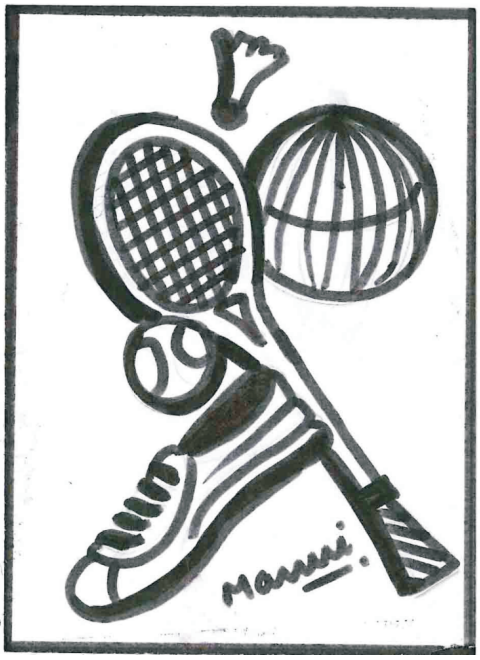
MARCH

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today

Our school was a centre for the CBSE Classes X & XII Board Exams as well as Home Exams were conducted in the school premises. Students from various schools of Greater NOIDA, Ghaziabad appeared for CBSE Board Exams at our school - as their exam centre.

Importance of Games and Sports

Sports are very important in everybody's life and such participation should be encouraged. It makes us healthy, fit and active. Sports are a greater source of recreation. Sports teach us value of time and team spirit. Sports improve blood circulation in our body. Sports remove stress and provide relaxation to our mind and body. It increases our mental and physical skills. It generates healthy, fair and strong spirit of competition. It helps in strengthening our body and mind. Sports and games encourage us to face all challenges.



---Kunal, III–D

Games are necessary to keep the body fit and trim. Players are better friends. Education is incomplete without games. By playing games we learn to obey rules. Games are an important part of life. Outdoor games keep our mind fresh. While we are playing we should listen to the captain. Outdoor games benefit us and give us pleasure. By playing outdoor games we can stay healthy and fit. We also get vitamin-D from sun light.

---Sudhanshu, III–A

Games and sports keep us healthy and fit. Games and sports are a useful means of entertainment and physical activity. Games and sports help in character building. Games and sports give us energy and strength. Games and sports develop team spirit in us. It helps in developing mental and physical toughness. Some games and sports are an important part of our education. So that we learn learn to be disciplined.

---Riddhiman, III–B



I love to play games.
Nobody can deny that games are a part and parcel of life.
There are different kinds of games & sports- Indoor and outdoor games.
A sound mind lives in a sound body.
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
Education is incomplete without games.

---Navya, III–D

Importance of Games and Sports

Games and sports are very useful in our lives. There are indoor and outdoor. While football, basketball, badminton are outdoor games. Chess, ludo, carrom are indoor games I enjoy. We play outdoor games in the fields. We play indoor games in house and in the school common room. Games are a source of good exercise. Everyone should play games and sports.

---Shubhang, III–D

TREES OUR BEST FRIEND

Trees are my best friend because life is not possible without them. We get fruits and vegetables from plants which make us fit and healthy. We also get cereals, pulses and spices from plants which are an important part of our meals. Some plants like tulsi and neem have medicinal values. Trees also give us oxygen to breathe. Furniture is made of wood which we get from trees. Trees also give us rubber, pencils and fibres. We also get cotton from cotton plant for our clothes. Flowers are used for decorations and for making perfumes. I like to climb trees while playing.

---Shreya, III–C



Nature has given us many valuable things one such valuable thing are trees. We get oxygen from trees. We get vegetables, fruits, medicines, etc. from trees. Trees provide us shade. We are alive because of trees. Hence we should plant many trees.

---Neelabh Basu, III–C

Trees are the best gift from God. Trees reduce air pollution. Trees release oxygen. Trees provide natural habitat for many animals and birds. Trees provide us with many useful things such as medicinal herbs, oil, wood, rubber etc. Wood is used for making furniture and paper. Trees control noise pollution. Trees attract rain. Trees provide us shade. We should take care of trees.

---Sumay Singh, III–C

HEALTH AND CARE FOR OUR WORK FORCE





















Republic Day Celebration



Valuable views presented by the students on constitution Day



Students take oath to protect democracy and their motherland



A melodious presentation by the Indian Music Choir



Oath ceremony conducted to prepare future citizens

Republic Day Celebration



An inspirational speech by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas on Republic Day



A medley performed by the Indian Music Choir



Thought provoking presentation by the students



A heartfelt dance presentation by the students



The Indian Music Choir salutes the National Flag



The tricolour hoisted by Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas

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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE COMPETENT. GET GOOD, GET BETTER, BE THE BEST

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KEEP GOING – EVERYTHING YOU NEED WILL COME TO YOU AT THE PERFECT TIME.

Preparatory wing teachers



UNFOLDING THE WINGS OF HEAD & HEART TO STRENGTHEN THE LITTLE WINGS

TREES ARE OUR BEST FRIENDS

Trees are the most valuable things on Earth. They provide oxygen for breathing. They supply us with medicines, rubber, oil and other useful things. Each and every part of trees like fruits, stems, roots or leaves are used in food. They prevent floods and soil erosion. They control air pollution. They also add natural beauty to Earth. They provide home to birds, animals, insects and other life forms. We should plant more trees to save life on Earth.

---Tejaswini, III–A



Trees are very useful for human beings. Trees give us fruits, medicines, perfumes, wood, rubber and vegetable. They prevent soil erosion. They take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. They play a big role in bringing rain. They are home for many birds and insects. They provide us shade. They keep the temperature cool. Trees are a big source of food. Trees give us wood for our furniture. They make their own food with water, air and sunlight. So, trees are our best friends.

---Abhishek, III–A

Trees on earth are the most important and useful things in nature. They provide us with many things like medicine, fruit, food, rubber, oil, etc. Each and every part of tree like root, stem, fruit, flowers is used in our foods. It gives us wood that we use in fuel and firewood. It gives cool shade during summers. Trees release oxygen and takes carbon dioxide to keep the air clean. It controls air pollution as it attracts rain. It is a natural home of many birds, animals etc Thus, trees play an important role in our life. So plant a tree and add a new friend in your life.

---Ayush yadav, III–A

Trees are precious gift from God. Trees are our best friends. They are also called our green friends. They provide us oxygen and give us many things for example herbs, medicines, oil, rubber, fruit, vegetable, spices, cereal wood etc.

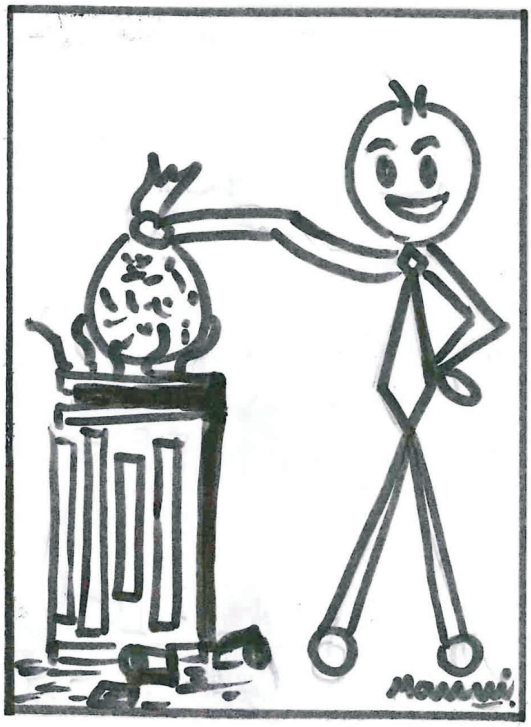
We depend on each other. Each part of plant like root, stem, flower is used in our food. Trees make the Earth beautiful. Trees are valuable natural resources on earth. We should plant more trees. So that's why trees are our best green friends.

---Anir Agnihotri, III–D

Good Manners

People are remembered for their good character. Character is moulded by good manners. Often, we forget to greet our friends and family with a 'hello!', or 'Good Morning!' We take favours from people without using the golden words like Please, Sorry and Thank You. In turn, we will be able to give our character a beautiful shape if we do so. Helping a needy makes you realize how capable and blessed you are. Good manners help us to discipline ourselves and move ahead in our life with our head held high.

---Nitya, IV–B



Good manners are the manners which everyone must follow to be good, remain healthy and facilitate cleanliness. Good manners are important for both adults and children. Children must be taught good manners from their childhood. They help us to be neat, clean and tidy. Wash hands before and after eating your meals. We should obey our elders and respect them. We should save our resources like water and electricity. So everyone should follow good manners.

---Abhiroop, IV–C



Good manners are very important in life. We should practice good manners both inside and outside our home. Good manners make us a good person, who is liked and respected by everyone. We should use the magic words like 'please', 'sorry', 'thank you' and 'excuse me' to behave well in the society with people. We must knock the door before entering a room. We should be disciplined and punctual in life. We should listen attentively to people who are talking to us. We should take permission before touching or using somebody's things. We should respect our elders. We should be honest and kind.

---Zoya, IV–D

Importance of Reading

"A Reader today will be a leader tomorrow"

Reading has in all times and in all ages been a source of knowledge. Reading is a source of happiness and pleasure. Reading skills are essential to succeed in our society. Those who are habitual readers feel comfortable in the company of books. Today we not only read, we want more knowledge to catch up with events taking place around us. Students who have large vocabulary are usually good readers. Reading is like a bridge which fills the gap between the real world and intelligence. Reading is like an exercise for our mind. The art of reading inculcated at a young age goes a long way with us and is a great help later.



---Shray, IV–B

Reading is important for a variety of reasons. We can learn words through reading. With reading we can go anywhere in the world. It helps us to master spellings and reading skills. During reading we get new information and we can improve our thinking skills too. We should read carefully, loudly and clearly. Reading is important because it develops our mind and improves our vocabulary.

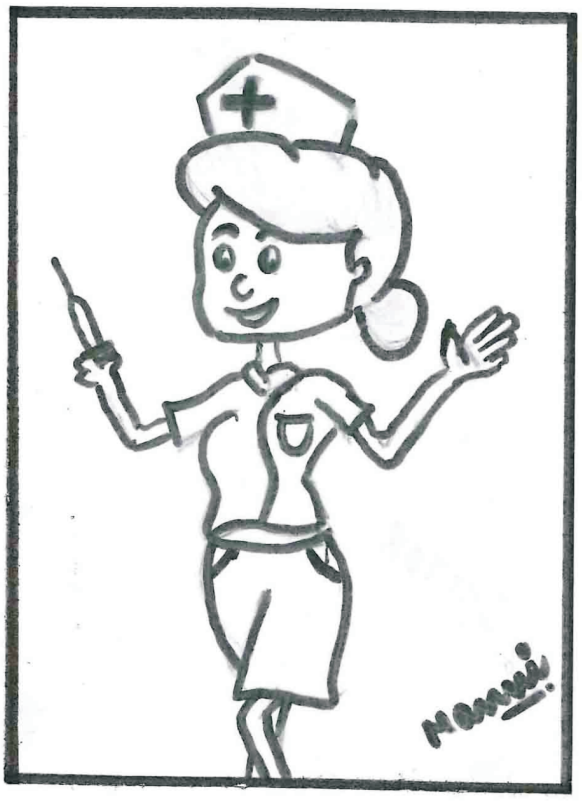
---Deva Nanda, IV–A

Reading is a gateway to knowledge, guide for the intellect, food for the thought and nourishment for the soul. Among all habits and hobbies reading relates directly to gain understanding and knowledge. Reading benefits the reader slowly but surely. It adds wings to one's imagination and creativity. It improves our vocabulary and writing skills. It enhances the praiseworthy attributes like patience and wisdom. But one must take care to read from reliable and healthy sources otherwise it will harm the mind and the soul of the reader. The habit of reading is a companion in lonely times and a pleasure to the heart.



---Umair, IV–D

When I grow up I want to be...

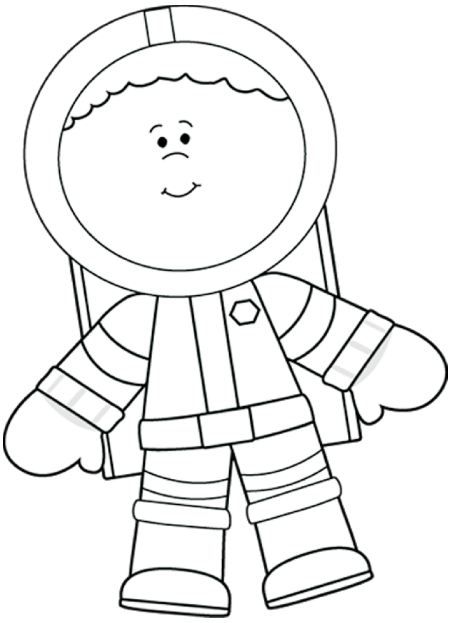


Everyone desires a dream job. My dream job is to be a doctor. I want to become a physician. I want to help sick people free of cost. I would like to build my own hospital. It will be named after my grandmother. I would help the needy and poor. I will be devoted to my profession. By becoming a doctor I want to help those who are suffering from various diseases. My first concern and priority will be my patients.

---Prerna Singh, V–D

When I grow up I want to be a doctor. I would like to because I want to help people around me. I shall devote all my time to studies. I shall try to be a good and qualified doctor. Once I become a doctor I would have some plans. I will set up my clinic. I will be helping patients with whatever I have. I want to serve people and take care of them. I want to do good for work mankind. I want to become one so that I can help poor people that do not receive any medical care. I want to give medical treatment to those who are helpless. Of course, I will earn money but money would not be my main aim. I shall work day and night to serve patients. I wish my dream will be fulfilled one day.

---Anvi Shukla, V–B



When I grow up I want to become an astronaut. I will do new research on life on other planets. Next I will research on alien planets in the universe I will make a great rocket. It will be so adventurous and all will enjoy. I also want to be a basketball player because I want to play on international level and want to be a good player in one game. I would like to be an astronaut or a basketball player.

---Mannat,V–C

When I grow up I want to be...



My aim in life is to become a scientist. My role model is our former President A.P.J Abdul Kalam. Creating a revolution in science is my greatest ambition in life. Life without ambition is like a life without target. Each and everyone should have an ambition and should march towards it. A scientist would help in finding a solution to the problems in the society. There are many environmental issues like global warming, unforeseen disasters, pollution and so on. I want to utilize my mind to identify the root cause of such issues. I want to find a solution to these issues as a scientist.

---Arjun Gupta, V–A

When I grow up, I want to be an IPS officer. I want to serve my country with dedication because after becoming an IPS officer I will be able to solve my countries problems and help the country to be better and a more developed one. I want to end crime in my country. My family has always encouraged me to pursue my dreams. So, when I grow up, I hope to score good marks in the entrance exams and I want to work hard in pursuing my dreams. Without working hard nothing can be accomplished perfectly. I want to set an example for everyone that 'Nothing is impossible in life if you have the will'.

---Nishita Yadav, V–B

I want to become a doctor. Being one is not only my dream,but also my parents'. I don't wish to be the wealthiest and most highly graduated doctor in the world I ever seen but I wish one who will serve her people and country in true manner. In fact I don't want to become a doctor for only my patients but also for the needy too. Although I know it isn't everyone's cup of tea to be a faithful human and achieve great degrees at the same time but it is worth a try. I always want to feel proud of being loyal to my patients and my duty.

--- Anjali, V–C

When I grow up I want to be an Army Officer



When I grow up I want to be an Army Officer so that I may get a golden chance to serve my country, my beloved India. I want to remove corruption from my country. I always dreamt of a 'Corruption Free India' and I want to realize this dream by becoming an honest Army Officer. I would feel proud on being one myself. When I see Indian soldiers dressed in their uniform. I get excited and want to salute them and the commander commanding the Indian troops. Sometimes I think they are great because every moment they put their life at stake and defend their motherland, ready to sacrifice their life for the country. I want to be an Army Officer and a true soldier.

---Himank Singh, V–D

Importance of discipline

It is rightly said that discipline is the fruit of dedication and punctuality. Discipline means training of the mind and character. it is vital for every living being and without it, the world around us would be chaos. Discipline brings stability and structure into a person's life. It teaches us to be respectful and responsible. It promotes good human behavior into a better society and makes it a more enjoyable place for everyone to live. Without discipline a person can never shine and succeed in life.



---Ritanya, IV–C

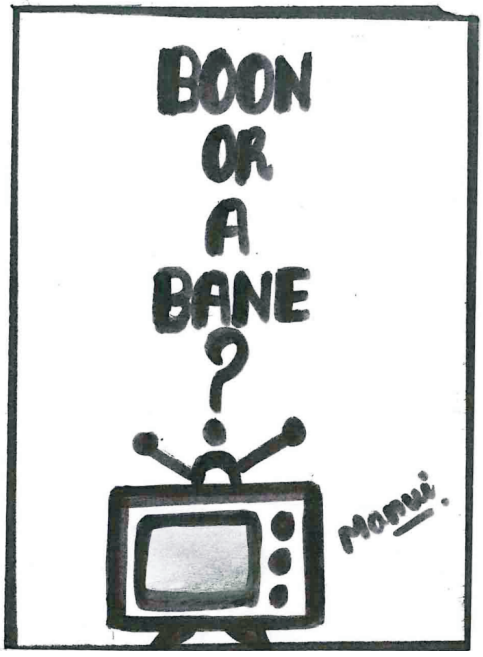
Famous Personality I admire the most



My favorite personality is from the field of football NEYMAR DA SILVA SANTOS JUNIOR. He got his name from his father, who is also a former footballer and became his son's advisor as Neymar's talent began to grow. Neymar was born on 5th February, 1992 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He played street pickup games, growing up and started football in the streets when he was a child. He joined the club FC Santos in 2003. Then in 2009, he started his professional career in the same club, and he scored 14 goals in 48 matches for his first season in the year 2013, he joined the FC Barcelona and he's the best player in FC Barcelona.

---Vanshaj Chaudhary, V-A

Television A Boon or a Bane



Television is the major invention of the mankind since 19th century. A thing could be a boon or a bane, so television also has many advantages and disadvantages. Television is a source that can be used to educate and entertain people of different ages. It attracts all age groups with many interesting programs. Television is very informative as it provides news from all parts of the world. The viewer can see all important incidents happening all around the world. It plays an important role in refreshing and relaxing the mind of the people. Children can watch many informative and educational programs which will help them to increase their General Knowledge. Children who have keen interest in sports can watch different sports on television which will help them to increase their gaming skills. Although television has given us all the facilities yet, we should also be aware of its disadvantages. Watching too much television is harmful to our eyes and health. The influence on children of television has been very bad. If children watch too much television, they will lose interest towards studies and outdoor activities. Sometimes children watch television programs or movies that are not appropriate for their age group and can mislead them. So, parents must monitor television watching time for their children. In general, if we use television correctly then it is boon for us and if we misuse it then it is certainly a bane for us.

---Sanjana Ghosh, V–D

Good manners

At school we should respect teachers. We should not make mischief in class. We should speak politely in the class. We should be helpful to those students who are weak. We should all as equals. If we are in company we should talk less and listen more. We should not hurt the feelings of others. Whenever somebody does us a favor we should use words like 'please' and 'thank you'. Good manners cost nothing but earn everything.

---Sanchita, VI–C

Importance of reading

Reading is very important for us. It influences our reading skills and our spellings.



If we can go to a library, bookshop or a bookfair, we can see a variety of books. We can see storybooks, mythological books and different types of books in English and Hindi. We can also see Olympiad practice books on different subjects. The storybooks also have varieties of Aesop's fables, fairytales, etc. Some subjects in Olympiad practice books are Mathematics, Science, English, Hindi, Computer. I like reading different types of books because confidence in reading only comes from daily practice. We can interact with others in a far better way by reading. We can read a book or a newspaper. But we have to keep in mind that reading is very important for us. We should maintain silence while we are reading books to concentrate in our mind. We should not disturb others. Then we will be able to learn something.

---Adya Choudhary, VI–B

A Month Without Technology

Technology has become a part and parcel of our lives. It has enriched our lives and enlightened our minds, but in the pursuit of its cosy comfort we have become over-reliant on it. Humans can very well be termed as slaves of technology as from morning to night we are depended on it for almost all our activities. It has brought us closer to each other in certain ways and has drifted us in many other ways. Without it our lives would have been simply poorer, harder, disconnected and dangerous. We certainly cannot survive a month without technology.

---Nishita, VIII–C

A Month Without Technology

The everyday lives of people have changed a great deal due to the advent of technology. Being a part of a rapidly developing country, I rely on technology as my sole means of interaction with the world. "A Month Without Technology" sounds funny as well as a difficult task because without the presence of technology, we will be like a bunch of wandering Apes. Technology has also made a significant mark in the field of health care as it has aided the patients in numerous ways. Technology has made our life easier and we must try not to misuse it.



--- Nandini, VIII-C

A month without technology is like a mother without a child. Technology is connected to our lives directly or indirectly. Industries are developing more and more devices, networks and resources which in turn is leading to the expansion and growth of the economy. We need technology in our lives on daily basis in order to remain updated and informed. In the past few years we have witnessed a rapid growth in network technologies with the easily availability because of Jio and other networking institutions. Each new day is like a step towards a more efficient world due to technology.

---Geetika, VIII-C

How would you spend a month without using technology? Living without technology will be totally impossible as it has become an integral part of our life as more and more people are getting over reliant on it. Cell phones, a gift of technology to humanity, are helping us to stay connected with the whole world. From keypad phones, to flip phones, and now to smartphones, technology is changing the face of humanity at a rapid rate and I am very excited to embark on this adventurous ride of technology.

---Vansh Singh, Class VIII-A

Technology has changed the world to a great extent. Technology has made a huge advancement and has paved ways for voice commands and brain commands by neurotransmitters. In the early 1990s communication was extremely difficult, but after Dr. Martin Cooper designed the first mobile handset, the way we communicate with the world revolutionised. Though technology has aided us in various fields it has also harmed us in many ways. The development of machines has taken away the jobs of workers. Even the doctors are being replaced with the advent of Artificial Intelligence robots. In a world, where technology has become our lifestyle, a month without technology is impossible and scary.

---Kushagra, VIII-B

A Month Without Technology



Technology is an important resource on the earth. A hundred years ago, people lived a very simple life, but the developments of past ten years proved, nothing can be done without technology. It is an important part of our life and keeps us up to date and provides information on various topics. Huge multinational companies will face a crisis if they had to manage without technology even for an hour. People who are active on social media, can't survive a single day without technology. The recent researchesshow how even the little kids are addicted to phone these days. In today's world, nothing is possible without technology and so is a month without technology.

---Vishesh Singh, VIII–B

'A month without technology', the sentence itself scares everybody. If this comes to reality, it will not just be a disaster for the young minds but will be the same for the seniors too. Everyone is now addicted to it. It is hard to imagine a day without electricity, telephones etc. There was a time when the young children played, seniors went to the temple and everybody had time for their family. But technology and phones have replaced all those activities and it has become the sole purpose of life. For people who cannot imagine a minute without technology, a month will be no less than a calamity.

---Rohan Sharma, VIII–D

The everyday lives of people have changed a great deal due to the advent of technology. It has become easier, faster and comfortable, but at the same time it has made us lethargic, preposterous and anti-social. No doubt the advancement brought us various benefits yet this over reliance possess a threat to the survival of human race. Abandoning technology, to some extent is an illogical thought as it leads us to a better tomorrow. It is only due to technology that the human race is surviving the unprecedented population expansion. Technology has increased our lifespan and has improved the quality of life. We simply cannot imagine a life without it.

---Mayank Kr, VIII–D

Nowadays after waking up, the first thing we do is to check our phones, we who used to brush our teeth and have a bath are now uploading stories on social media, telling the world that you just woke up! We have got addicted to technology. Imagining an hour without technology is impossible, living a month without technology is simply dreadful. Without technology, how would we able to watch our beloved superstars dance to the latest beats on YouTube? How would our parents be able to get updated about events going all around the world? How would the gossip aunties be able to chat without using WhatsApp? Surviving an hour without technology is impossible, a month without it will surely be devastating.

---Rose Maria Varghese, VIII–D

A Moment In History I'd Like To Witness On A Time Machine

History has always fascinated me with its endless and breath-taking events. If I get a time machine, I'd like to witness the period when India was under the British rule. It would be amazing to witness the events that led to the British Raj in India. I would love to see Jahangir giving Sir William Hawkins permission to set up factories in Surat, in his splendid court and how series of events led up after it. Seeing our great Freedom fighters fight for our independence will for sure give me goose bumps. I just wish that I get a chance to visit the past in a time machine.

---K. Lavanya, VIII– A



There is just not one but a thousand moments that I would like to witness on a time machine. Our history was fabulous, filled with rivalry and love. But it will be very hard for me to choose only one event as our history is so interesting. But if I get a chance to visit the past, then for sure, I will visit the India of the British Raj. I would love to solve the conflicts of the people, to stop the bloodshed so that they could unite against the Britishers. I would also share the present fashion trends with the queens and princesses of that era. It would be very exciting to see the clean and pollution free environment of that period. I would for sure write all that I see in my secret diary.

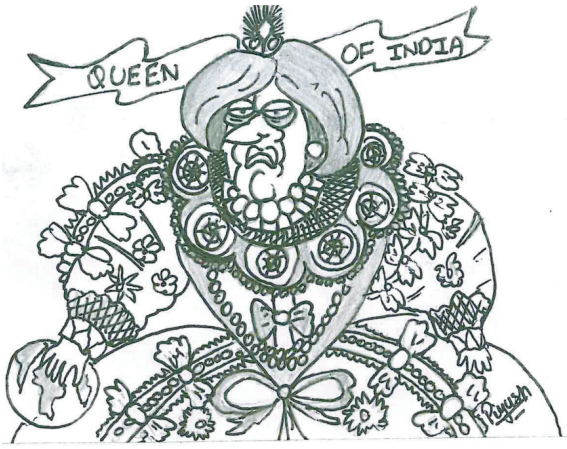
---Arni Chaudary, VIII–A



"People without knowledge of their past, origin, culture are like trees without roots." History as we all know, is the study of past and tell us about events that had occurred millions of years ago. One of the best periods in history is the reign of the emperor "Ashoka". He was an honest and ambitious commander of Mauryan dynasty. He preached the policy of peace and non-violence and taught people to be tolerant towards each other. On a visit to this period, I would like to explore their administration, culture, lifestyle and trading system. I would also like to witness the well-known "Kalinga war". This will be the most exciting historical trip I will ever have.

---Jayati, VIII–B

A Moment In History I'd Like To Witness on A Time Machine



"Time is like a river which flows endlessly, never stops and never comes back." Though the phrase indicates time lost can never be gained, yet if we are ever able to build a time machine, I would like to go back to the time where the Homo-sapiens were still evolving and were learning to hunt. I would record data and take samples while watching from a distance and would notice how they hunted, ate and did their daily activities. The visit will be very fruitful as the samples collected by me will give a detailed insight into the life of the Homo-sapiens and will enlighten us all.

---Aviral Mishra, VIII–B

Benefits of Internet for Society

The internet has benefitted the society in numerous ways. It has made the lives simpler and advanced. It is only with the help of internet that people nowadays are aware of each and everything happening in an around the world. It has proved itself as a major source of entertainment for each and every individual. The advancement in internet has paved way for a digital world wherein, people can shop and pay online. The internet has created new ways for the world to communicate, congregate and share its views and opinions. It can be stated that the internet has changed our lifestyle to a great extent, and will continue to do the same in the coming decades.

---Ananya, VIII–D

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

If I had a million dollars, I would lend my hands to the poor and deprived people and donate to charities. I would like to help others as it gives the feeling of satisfaction. After this, I would open a big hospital as my mother is a dentist. I would also open many schools in rural areas as the literacy rate is low in India. Helping people can make great differences in their lives.

They would remember and respect me throughout my life. After doing all this I would buy a big mansion in a scenic country side. I would also buy a home theater set for my family. I would also buy an airplane for my parents as a gift. I would also keep some money for traveling as I love traveling and visiting new places. I would also buy many sports cars as I'm fascinated by them.

Lastly, according to the famous and richest man of the world Bill Gates," I can understand wanting to have a million dollars.....but once you get beyond that, I have to tell you, it's the same hamburger".

---Dhruv Goyal, IX–D

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

It has been rightly said, 'if wishes were horses, beggars would ride'. However, it is wonderful to have wishes. Even though our wishes may not come true there is no harm in dreaming. I often dream that I have become a millionaire. I would like to have so much money that i could do something for those who are less fortunate than me. I do not see any harm in having every luxury for myself, if in reality I can do something worthwhile for the poor. It has been my dream to see each child well nourished. When I see children on the streets with no food I feel a great sense of pain. They live in pathetic conditions. If I were a millionaire I would do my best to provide permanent shelter, food and clothing for the poor. I would open schools for them. I would help them to be so independent that they can find fruitful employment for themselves in future. When one becomes extremely rich, one tends to forget the plight of those who are less fortunate. My motto would be,'Live and let Live'. In fact, I would do all that I could do for my parents. I would make them so comfortable that even in their old age they would feel great to be alive. I would like to enjoy the fruits of money. I would also use my riches to serve humanity and make this world better place to live in.

---Shuva Chakraborty, IX–D



Even if by chance I had a million dollars, I would definitely crave for more. It seems that no matter how much money you have, it's never enough. But still I admit that having a million dollars would be a lot of fun. I don't want to be selfish but if I had a million dollars, I would spend it on myself. My greatest ambition in life is to visit all the seven wonders of the world and I would most probably use the money to do so. Then to make my life more luxurious and comfortable, I would buy myself a number of things that I always want to have. I would enjoy the warm bed on the cold mornings, no rush to go to work, drink tea and read newspaper and do all sorts of things to be a free mind without any stress and tension. Sit in silence and think about various things. Many people think when they have a sudden windfall, the money is 'endless'. Many lottery winners have spend all their money in a short period of time after making bad decisions & investments. But still there is no point of living a life where you are not able to fulfill your dreams. I would buy my dream car, house and live my life to the fullest. If I'll ever get a chance like that I would love to enjoy the best moments of my life with those million dollars. I hope this dream comes true at a certain point in my life.

---Rhythm, IX–D

It is good to have money and the things that money can buy but it is good to check once and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy. Even then having a lot of money is a daydream for many of us .Well if I have a million dollars I would buy a bungalow for my family to live in. I will give a luxurious life to my family as they have taken care of me. I would save some money for my future as difficult times never tell and come. I would buy my dream car and would explore the world with me and my family in the beautiful car. I perhaps would buy some houses on the tropical islands and on the beautiful beaches of the world. I would build a big plant nursery near my house and would plant trees and flowers as I love nature very much. I would open an NGO which will help the bright students of poor families to study further and go to foreign institutions and achieve their goals. This NGO will help them in many ways. I would also open hospitals in the isolated areas for the people who cannot not go to expensive hospitals. They can go to these hospitals and get treated at a very low cost or even for free. I would like to invest my money in setting up of preschools for the little ones of labourers and workers who cannot afford to send their children to expensive preschools. Helping others can make a big difference in their lives and it makes us also feel happy.

---Srida Agarwal, IX–B

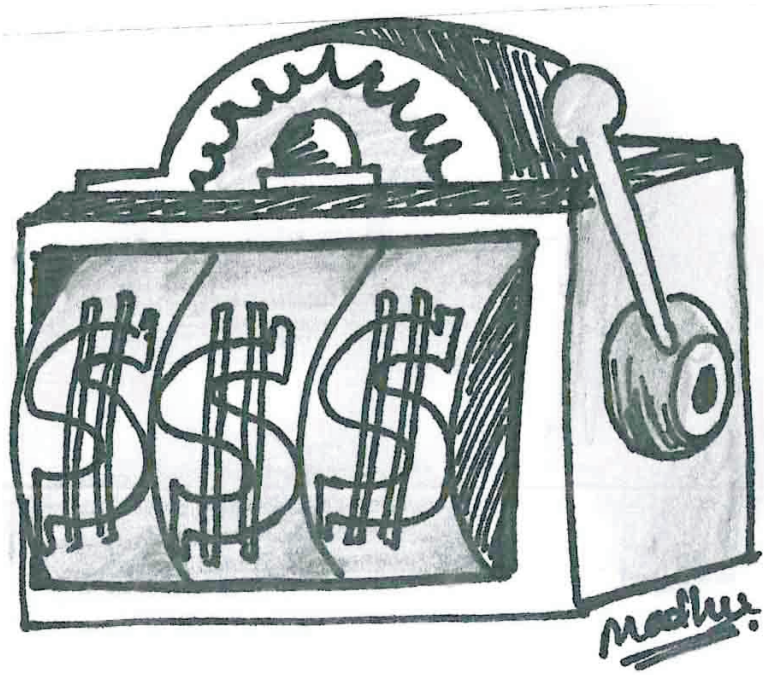
IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give"

Every human being has three levels of satisfaction 'Mental satisfaction', 'Physical satisfaction' and 'Eternal satisfaction'. If I had a million dollars, I would spend some part of it on my family, who has nurtured me well with all the comforts i.e. a big house to live in, best of health & educational facilities etc. This will give me true mental satisfaction. Further, I would invest some amount of money in property, equity, health insurance policies and fixed deposits for advance education, to safeguard my future & that of my family members. All these investments will further suffice my mental & physical satisfaction levels in present and in future.

Most important of all is the 'Eternal satisfaction' which can only be achieved through high moral values, perspective and a sense of responsibility towards the society. I will certainly spend a handsome amount of money to help the needy. My parents have always taught me that, 'If you can't feed hundred, just feed one'. My grandfather, who is an extremely religious person, always guides me to help the dejected, neglected and deprived people. He inspires me to pay back to the society a bit of what we have received from it, by taking us to the orphanages to donate food and clothes at every family occasion like birthdays & anniversaries etc.

Every human tries to achieve the zenith in his/her life but at the same time we should not forget our social responsibilities as "no act of kindness is ever wasted". Following the ideologies of my Grandfather, I will set up a NGO to provide proper food, clothes, shelter, education & health facilities to the less privileged people. At least, by this act I will be able to attain the eternal contentment. Thus, I will try my best, to utilise a million dollars for my personal & social responsibilities as: - 'Money is not an end, it is just a means'.



---Khushi Gupta, IX–A

'Wealth is the ability to fully experience life'

If we ask each one of you about your ambition most of us will involve money in some form or other. Either spending show fulls of it or earning bucket full of it. Our needs and wishlists are generally very large to fit in our budget and we find ourselves day dream about getting lot of money to strike off things on our dream list. Some people dream of luxury cars and villas, some dream of jetting off for long vacations and many people think of many other fantasies.

If I had a million dollars then I would lend a helping hand to the poor and the needy and would also donate to charities to help others. Helping someone in trouble gives me a sense of satisfaction. When people feel that someone cares for them, it brightens up their day. With a million dollars in my kitty I would donate a large amount to children's research hospital so they can continue to provide care to children with cancer and other diseases. The money I donate would not only aid the hospital to get better equipment for research but would also bring a smile on the faces of innocent children. I think if those who have a million dollars donate some amount to the charities and hospitals and NGO, the world would become a happy place to live.

---Sirhan Maheshwari, IX–B

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

It has been rightly said that "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride". But it is wonderful to have wishes. Even though they may not come true, there is no harm in dreaming.

Although I am not from a poor family I would like to have enough money that I can do something for those who are less fortunate than me. I do not see any harm in having every luxury for myself, if in turn I can do something worthwhile for the poor. It has been my dream to see each child well nourished. When I see children on the street with no food, I feel great pain. Although their parents try their best, they cannot provide their children with food, clothing and shelter. Then they turn to begging.

If I had million dollars, I would also build hospitals to provide them with good medical facilities. India has progressed a lot and we have good medical facilities but the poor people cannot afford these. I would like to build a hospital with modern facilities where people will get medical assistance free of cost.

Unfortunately, when one becomes very rich, one forgets the pain of those who are less fortunate. My motto would be, 'Live and let Live. In fact I would do all that I could do for my parents. I would make them so comfortable that even in their old age they can experience the joy of leading a comfortable life. I would like to enjoy the fruit of money but I would always remain sensitive and sympathetic to the people who are less fortunate.

---Adrija, IX–B

The Most Valuable Piece of Advice I've Ever Received

The most profound and valuable piece of advice ever given to me was by a person whom I never met or talked to. In fact, he died almost 60 years before the day I was born. This man was none other than our father of nation, "Mahatma Gandhi".

I remember it vividly. I was surfing the internet for profound and motivational quotes worthy enough to be posted on my sacred Facebook wall. While I searched, I could hear my mom vacuuming downstairs while my sister was listening to some blaring music as if she was challenging my mom in a battle over who could make the most noise. As this battle raged on my nerve, I came across a website with nothing but quotes from a man named Mahatma Gandhi. I was somewhat familiar with Gandhi at the time; it was only a few weeks prior that in my social studies class I learned about his non-violent protests. I reached the end of the page. There it was, a simple sentence of eleven words: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." All of sudden, everything went silent. It was like a moment we see in the movies when a guy sees a beautiful girl and nothing else in the world matters except for that girl. I shook myself out of this trance, and went about my day but in the back of my mind those words lingered, pervading my thoughts often.

I could not fully grasp the sheer significance of those eleven words until I was trying to sleep one night; the day's event were whizzing past my head preventing my slumber. As usual, my thoughts turned to those eleven words. I realized, thanks to Mr. Gandhi, that I have the power to live the life that I want to and not let anything shift me off that path. Imagine if Thomas Edison kept complaining that he hated that people kept interrupting him while he was trying to invent the telephone. He blamed himself for letting those people interfere with his work, and that he should not allow them to control his life and his potential. The way I looked at those people changed drastically in that moment. My sympathy turned into empathy. I realized that when we let other people dictate our lives and emotions, we are puppets. I was a puppet. I had let other people dictate my life. I made a promise to myself to not let other people tell me how to feel or how to act. I am my own person with my own thoughts. I am the change I want to see in the world.

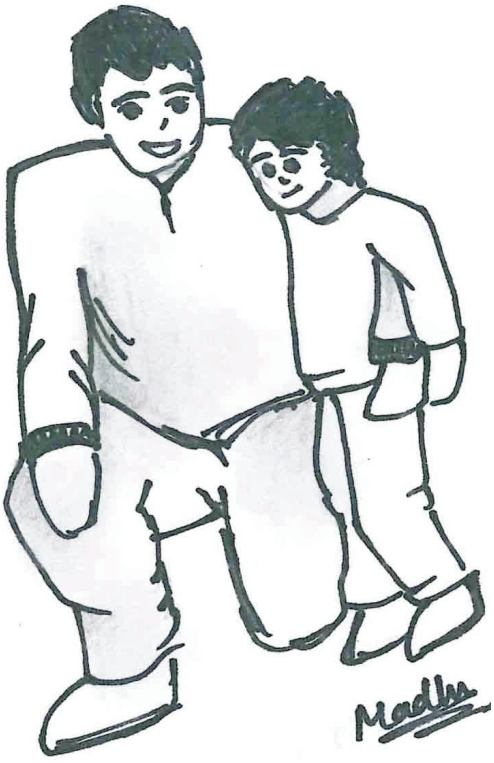
---Arjun Gupta, IX–A

THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE I'VE EVER RECEIVED

I got the best piece of advice from my parents. My parents told me that I have to earn nothing, but respect in my life. And when they told me this sentence, I don't know what happened but I suddenly had a change in my mind, I felt it, and then I thought if my parents trust me, I should be respectful towards them. Because I am their child, they do deserve and are expected to have some hopes from me.

I don't blame my parents. I mean some people say that their parents put so much pressure on them. But actually it's not the pressure, it's the hopes they have from you. And if we cannot fulfil their wishes, we probably cannot do anything. Because I really want to do at least this much for the people who gave me the best advice in my life.

Another piece of important advice they gave me was about GIVING UP . And one word is missing from this statement and that is NEVER. My parents told me- 'Never Give Up.' We all know that life is not a bed of roses for all of us. There are ups and downs on the surface. Life is full of difficulties and challenges. But nowadays, people are committing suicide just because they are not able to clear their exams. How can you take away such a precious gift given to you by God just because you don't pass your exam..!!



If all the great people in the world, had stopped trying after their first failure, then there wouldn't be any great people around the globe.

So, I've received the best piece of advice in life from the maker of life my Parents.

---Eesha Kaul, IX-D

Throughout my life, I have received advice from my near and dear ones and many such decisions have shaped my life. I am indeed grateful for that. Although choosing the best is definitely hard, but the best advice I have ever received would definitely be the one is got from my mother and she said, If one does not try, then one does not succeed. This is the best advice I have ever received because it explains many aspects of life. This advice applies to me, because sometimes I am afraid to ask questions, but generally if I have a problem, I think about this quote and think that if I will not ask questions then I will not get the answer, and this helps me a lot.

According to me, this advice is the best as it encourages me and makes me confident. When I think about this quote I don't think what other people will think of me. I am not good at everything, but I always try to do the things I am not good at, as I may learn some new things.

I like to play sports like basketball and volleyball but sometimes I feel that I should not try to score, maybe I will not be able to score and then it will lead to failure. Then I think of this advice that if I will not try then it will automatically lead to failure.

I also give this advice to my friends and to my younger siblings. 'If one does not try, then one does not succeed' is undoubtedly the best advice because I think everyone should try to do something new, even if there is a chance of failure.

---Nandini Agarwal, IX-B

The best piece of advice I have ever received



It was a sunny day when a sage visited our house in Dehradun. A cool breeze blew past my head as I opened the door I felt as if place was emanating from his body and was knocking at the doors of my consciousness. I then asked him to introduce himself. He replied that his name was Ramakrishna and he had come to ask for food....Wandering saints surely don't have kitchens," I thought .I then turned to my mother whether she was willing to give the saint some food. She smiled as never before and gave the saint some fruits. When my mother touched his feet, he blessed her and told her that her wish would be granted. I felt awe-struck at his statement. He said that we would soon be visiting the Himalayas. My mother then greeted him while I stood spellbound. He then called me to his side and told me that the kingdom of God was an eternal bliss and wisdom and that nothing was hidden from the one who seeks him.

I had forgotten his words as few weeks had passed. My father came back from his office and told me that he would be going to Rishikesh on account of some training. He asked both of us to come along and we agreed happily. On reaching the Himalayas there was peace everywhere...I saw everyone meditating. Everyone, whom I met, told me that the purpose of their life was to seek God and I should also do the same and from that day I started meditating and after a few days of sincere practise, I had a vision of divine mother who affirmed in her heavenly voice that I was following the right path... I found peace and joy within.... much more than mere actual pleasures. I can hear the soul's voice, always guiding my footsteps.....

---Tanush Vimani, IX–C

There it was finally our Island

There it was finally our island! After several of days of simply swinging on the sea water in our boat, we finally found our island...

It was our summer vacations, too long and boring so I thought of experiencing a day at sea..., how it was travelling in a boat. We told our parents about this and got their permission. There was a city mall nearby in which we could experience all the wonders of life... Then we bought the tickets and went inside. By using technology and science we have got it but there are times when both of these fail... As we were in, our room was locked automatically. All was going well till our boat experienced a sudden halt then we thought what worse than this could happen... then the mighty ocean answered and the great waves took all our food. A wave came to help us being all wet, frustrated and off our boat... We were all safe but for how long we didn't know... After days and days of just swinging we finally reached our island.

We were all safe but with no basic necessities like food, water, shelter... There were trees but all captured by the monkeys. We were all alone on a barren island, thinking all this just gave me goosebumps but my friend Rahul gave us strength to face the challenge... We distributed the work -Rahul and Meena brought the food, Anshika and I found the place to spend the night. They were with lots of fruits and we found a cave... At night we all started to think of early humans...

Time flies... and we didn't know when we fell asleep but when we got up we read, "Enjoyed it" written on a screen. We literally forgot that we'd been watching a short film. It was so real... It was the best day for me...

---Sanya Pandey, IX–C

OUR ISLAND

There it was finally our island! When we reached the island we saw nothing but a huge dense forest. Then one of our adventure team members suggested to make our base camp there. The idea was appreciated by all and the male members were given the task of arranging for a place to spend the night. We gathered wood for the camp and by evening we did manage to make a little hut. We ate fruits and drank water from a pond which we realized were sharing with some of the wild animals!!Then in the morning we headed to explore but on our way back we couldn't find our island… with no GPS and any other gadget to find our way we were stranded for a couple of days. After wandering about we finally saw something... some people …houses... Shops, traces of civilization… Rameshwaram, the last point of southern India. We all sighed with a sense of relief and exclaimed with joy "There it was finally our island!".

---Harsh Upadhyay, IX–D

SAVE FUEL FOR BETTER ENVIRONMENT

"Earth has enough for every man's need but not enough for every man's greed" Mahatma Gandhi

Fuel is a nature's gift which has its implications in almost energy aspect of human life. It is used in machinery, entraction, running vehicles, construction etc. It is a natural substance which is a non-renewable/Exhaustible resource which is getting depleted day by day.

Fuel has an important role in working of a screw in a big generator. In today's world we are over - consuming it due to which the ozone layer is depleting, carbon footprint is increasing causing rise in green house gases.

The over use of these resources not only has an adverse effect on our environment but on our physical and mental health also.

The renewing capacity of these resources is very less that we get it at the rate of energy 1 million/year.

Some ways of preservation are:-

1. Cooling arrangements should be made in vehicle. Turn off vehicles when not required.
2. Air pressure should be checked, good quality engine oil should be used. We should use public transports and carpools instead of using using private transport always.
3. We should try to buy and use energy efficient vehicles like solar cars, hybrid cars etc.
4. We should decrease our dependancy on heavy machineries like Air Conditioner, Heater, etc.
5. We should walk or use cycle for short distance.
6. Government should conduct awareness programmes in public and private sectors.
7. Latest unconvectional sources of energy like lunar energy, wind energy, hydro energy should be developed and used.

Today almost all the countries of the world are facing fuel crisis. Due to this crisis, Arabic Countries like UAE have increased prices of fuel due to heavy demand and less supply, this increase in prices is disturbing our budget, thus we should apply mass effect for fuel preservation.

"The only way forward, if we have to improve quality of environment, it is to get everybody involved".

---Khushi Gupta, IX–A

Save Fuel For A Better Environment

We live in a modern world which is driven forward with the use of new technology. These technologies are constantly being upgraded by us according to our needs. But the use of technology has a downside as well.

For the use of new machines, we still use fuel which harms the environment. Some forms are non-renewable and also pollute the environment.

For instance, the use of petrol in cars, when we burn petroleum, a large amount of oxides of carbon, nitrogen and sulphur are released in the air causing air pollution.

Also, when we burn coal, gases like carbon monoxide is released which after coming in contact with air turn to CO_2. The CO_2 produced is a key factor in the Green-house effect.

The daily use of these form of fuels has resulted in adding to pollution everywhere due to their harmful nature.

We should look at alternative sources of energy for our day-to-day activities if we want to save our environment. For example, we can use solar energy for making food in a solar cooker, we can use electric-cars which during the daytime absorb energy from solar power and are non-polluting.



The government should also encourage the use of these alternative sources of energy like the installation of wind mills in areas in order to produce electricity, the installation of hydro and thermal power plants to produce electric power.

In coastal areas, one could extract energy from the tides and waves. We can also use nuclear energy to produce electricity.

All these non-conventional sources of energy are non-polluting and are renewable. Thus, we should encourage the use of these sources of energy which would not pollute or harm the environment so that we can make our environment a better place to live in.

---Vachan Shetty, X–B

Have you ever seen a bird flying with only one wing? Has someone told you to donate one eye as you can live with the other eye only?

No! I am sure you never thought about it. Then why are we wasting the fuel and polluting the environment. In the 21st century, fuel is the most important part of our life. Suppose the fuel gets exhausted! Most of our work would come to a halt and also the environment's quality will be degraded. We might even return to the ancient times from where we started our lives.

Although the fuel is the most important but its overuse poses a threat to the environment. We should use the fuel judiciously and also opt for the alternate and environment friendly ways which can fulfil our need of fuels. Solar energy, wind energy, hydel power are some of the alternatives.

There are people who are unaware about these hazardous facts of overuse of fuels. Campaigns and street plays must be organised which would catch the attention of masses. Youth and children are the main key who can help to spread the concerns over this issue. They are the future of the Earth and we have borrowed this environment from our future generations.

Government must make policies such that no one should use a car to travel short distance upto one kilometre. Either they must walk or cycle to their destination.

Most of us think that this is our fate but we can change it through appropriate policies and efforts from our side.

---Nishita, X–D

TECHNOLOGY A BOON OR A BANE

Technology symbolizes advancement of human knowledge and man is considered as its creator. Technology was discovered for the purpose of economic as well as human development. The basic problem is that-results can be dangerous if technology gets into wrong hands. Various cyber crimes like hacking, morphing and increase in violence are results of misuse of technology, increase in population and pollution has degraded the environment too. Technology has had a positive effect too. In the field of science and medicine, technology has helped us to find cure for many deadly disease. Transportation analysis and quality data has been maintained with the help of technology. Technology has provided longevity to life and has contributed in all spheres related to life. Therefore technology is both a boon and a bane.





---S. Varsha, XI–C

Technology has become one of the most important aspects of our life. It has enabled progress at a higher pace. One can find any information. It is a boon as well as a bane. Children are addicted to technology, it affects their health and brain. It makes them obese and insomniacs. Families have grown apart. This is not a good sign.

---Vibhor Chauhan, XI–C

Technology is both a boon and a bane. It is both advantageous and disadvantageous. Technology has helped to increase globalization. It helps people to communicate with each other. Production is on an increase. Children give importance to mobiles. They use it to play games. Therefore it is a bane.

---Nitika Sharma, XI–B



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IMPORTANCE OF VALUES

Values are very important in our life. It helps in growth and development as a nation. There are various kinds of values-societal values, individual, relationship values, organizational values. All these values help in a specific purpose of individual or collective need.

---Disha, XI–A



Values are defined by the society based on which a person's character is judged. A person is said to be good or bad on the basis of these values. A person's choices and decisions in life are dependent to a large extent on moral values. Values are more important. Values keep us grounded in reality and are motivated to do good for those around us. Helping others and caring for others, our society gives high regard to high values. Since childhood, we are expected to behave in a morally correct manner. Patience and love with elders, a good moral character is expected from us. Western culture is making people defy norms of morality.

---Riya Sinha, XI-B

We know that human beings are lazy by nature and technology has made them more lazy. We have stopped writing letters. We don't remember birth dates, we have limited modes of communication. Technology has reduced use of paper and helped in deforestation. If technology is used in a good way, it becomes a boon and if it is used in a bad way, it becomes a bane.

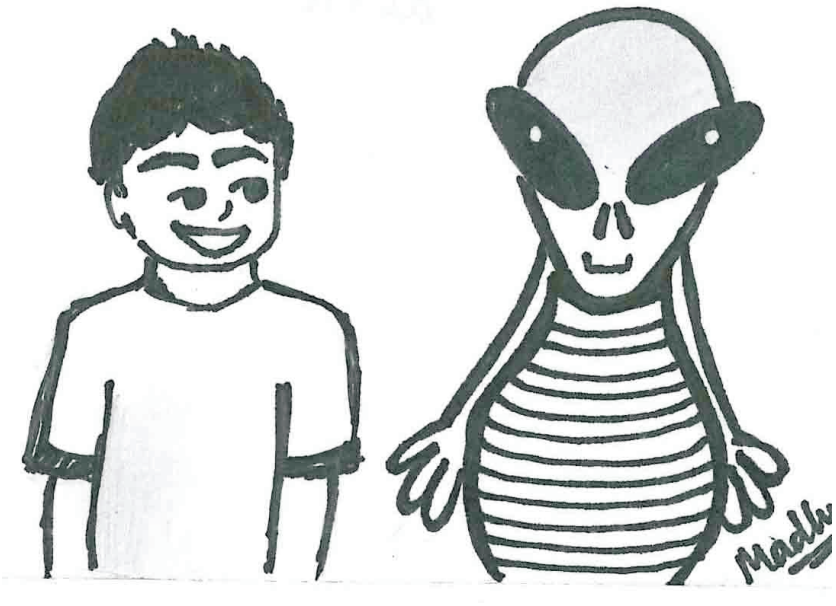
---Aahuti Thakur, XI- B

Values play a major role in building the character of a person. They are very important in a person's life. Values guide people towards the right way. They are essential for character building of a person and for maintaining peace and harmony in the society. Values also establish a bond between different people. The bond is of love and trust. Empathising with others creates unity among people. Character education should be given priority in schools. Youth must realise the importance of values in life. They make a person better than before. Values make a person immortal.

---Mayank Agarwal, XI–B

THE DAY I MET AN ALIEN

It was a beautiful full moon night. I read in the newspaper that it was a blue moon and it was a second full moon occurring in the same month. I wondered if alien colonies existed on the moon. Thoughts fluttered my mind as I heard my dog barking in the garden. I also heard a strange frightening voice along with the barking sound. Curiosity took over me and rushed towards the strange voice. In the moonlight, I saw a strange figure in the garden. As I went closer to examine, the strange creature jumped into the bushes. I turned on my flashlight and pointed it on the bushes. I was amazed to see a green and fat creature which stood on its two feet and had a large burning eye in the middle of its large forehead. The creature had two horns like it was an antenna on its head and was an alien. Thrilled, I went closer but the alien jumped on me. I cried very hard and shut my eyes in fear. As I opened my eyes I was amazed to find myself lying down beside my bed. The pages of the novel "Alien Colonies on Moon" fluttered, as it lay open on my bed.



---Kashvi, VII-A

I was going to school with my best friend forever, Aditya. Suddenly, I saw something sparkling near the drain. I stopped my bicycle and picked that up. It was a two headed coin. "Awesome to win bets!" We both snapped at once. But we didn't know that the horror had just began.

I studied the coin. It had a good looking face on both sides. "Who might this man be?" Aditya questioned. "Doesn't matter" I replied. And I flipped the coin high over. "Pick up the coin" said Aditya. "But where did it go?" I asked. "Look it's between your shoes" he said. And then we both jumped for it. Suddenly, I felt dizzy and we both flipped over. "Everything has changed".

We both exchanged glances. "What street is this?" exclaimed Aditya with wonder. "Aditya, I'm afraid this is no street. Look, there are no trees around. Nor any oxygen pumps are with us. But we still are breathing. I think we have discovered where the aliens live!" I exclaimed. We both stood up and looked around and saw some weird looking people coming in sight. They looked like aliens. They looked at us.

"Capture them!" one of them said

"Look they have a nose! And YOU-KNOW-WHO doesn't like people with noses." The other said.

Soon they were seen flying towards us. "They surely are aliens." Aditya whispered.

"Wait a minute. What if we toss a coin? And if I win you will spare our lives." I said. I wondered whether Aditya got my plan?

"What is a toss, young boy? Did you get that word in a book? YOU-KNOW-WHO wants you. He wants to kill you!" one of them said.

"Why do you want to take our lives? And who is this YOU-KNOW-WHO?" I said.

"Don't argue! Take these two and put them behind the bars! We will take them to YOU-KNOW-WHO tomorrow!" The other one said. But their plan did not work. Somehow Aditya got hold of the same coin and tossed it over. As he did, we both again felt dizzy and flipped over only to find ourselves in my room under the quilt.

---Anuroop Roy, X-D

THE DAY I MET AN ALIEN

It was a breezy summer night. I had decided to sleep on the terrace. I took a packet of waffers and a story book, Germino Stilton. I was eating waffers, then I fell asleep.
Suddenly I woke up by a strange noise. I looked at stars. They were appearing, big and dull. Suddenly many big space ships landed on every one's terrace and on my terrace. An alien came out of this space ship. It had three oval heads, one broad red eye and three tiny noses. The alien took me into his space ship and he asked me in a friendly manner "where would you like to go?" I answered him to that "my dream destination is out of the Milky Way Galaxy." The alien flew his space ship and in a few seconds we were out of the Milky Way Galaxy. There I enjoyed with the alien. After that I asked him to take me back home. I gave him the packet of waffers and we spent great time together. When he was going back to his planet I gave him my story book and he gave me his video game. He told me that we will be friends forever. I gave him my word and said goodbye.

---Yash Arora, VII-B



One day when I was going home after school my friends said that they would be hanging out today after school. It was decided to be in the house of Dinesh Mitra (a school friend of mine) at sharp 9:00 p.m. When I reached home I told my mother about the party. "You can go to the party but first you will have to do your daily chores", replied my mother. After I did all the chores my mother had given me, it was 8:30 p.m. Without wasting much time I wore an orange sweatshirt and a blue striped jeans. I walked out of my house and reached Dinesh's house at 9:10 p.m. They were all seated eating chips and drinking Coca-Cola. "Hey, punky! You are late by 10 minutes as usual" replied Shubhas cackling with laughter. I seated myself in a chair. When I was seated Gautam asked whether we had heard about aliens. "Yes, it is the creature who lives in space, right?" I replied. "No, no your brain is smaller than an ant, don't you know they are the creatures from an another planet and kill humans on Earth. "Have you seen an alien in your life?" asked Dinesh. "No, I haven't seen an alien" I replied. They all started laughing and I stood up and stormed out of his house. As it is now 11:05 p.m. and the road to my house was very long so I decided to take a shortcut. I walked towards the mango groves. While walking I noticed that no crickets nor birds were making any sound. Without bothering I walked faster than usual. When I reached the end of the grove I saw a bright light. My body froze. I saw a creature coming out from a spaceship. He said "Hip Hop Zuk Zuck" which made no sense. After a while the creature looked at me and asked "Who are you, Who are you?" I was dumbstruck and stared at the creature as it could speak English. I said my name is Aaron. "Where am I?" asked the creature. "You are on Earth." I replied. Oh I have reached the wrong planet. By the way my name is Ang and I am from planet Creas. Ang replied "Is there a place you ever wanted to see but haven't seen?" I replied "I wanted to see Brazil." And so the alien and I became friends. After a few minutes of chat, the alien bid adieu. I was so excited that I ran as fast as I could to Dinesh's place. My joy knew no bound. As I stormed in there was a deathly silence. All surrounded me to ask where was I. I, then, finally narrated the entire episode. They couldn't believe their ears!

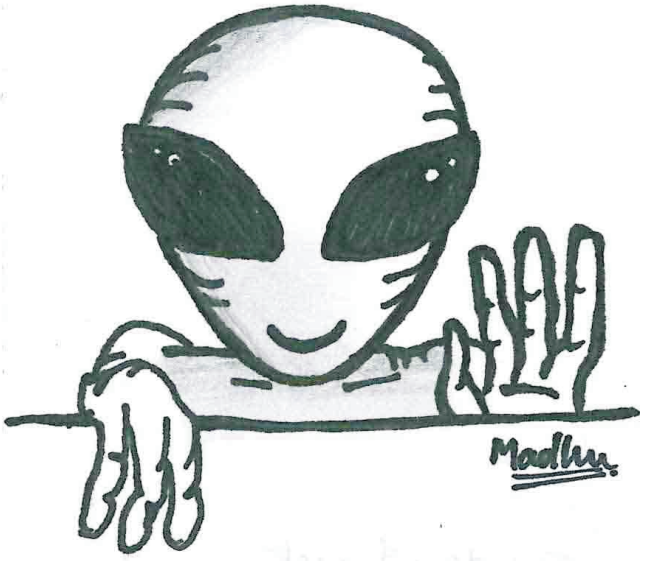
---Aaron Mukhopadhyay, VII-B

THE DAY I MET AN ALIEN

It was a hot summer night and I decided to sleep on my terrace. I took a packet of chips and mobile along with me. I was eating chips and then fell asleep. Suddenly, I woke up. The light from moon was increasing in size. Then I saw a spaceship coming towards me. I was shocked at that time. The spaceship landed on my terrace and from the spaceship an alien came out. He had three legs, one eye, green jelly like face with a pointed nose. It was such an embarrassing experience for me. Then an alien asked in a friendly tone "Where would you like to go?" I said I would like to go to the Himalayas. He took me in his spaceship and within a second we reached at the top of Mount Everest.

I enjoyed the cold weather of Himalayas and then I requested him to go home. Then I shared some chips with him. We enjoyed a lot together. After coming back home, I realized that I left my mobile in the space ship. I shouted "Mr. Alien give my mobile back." But he didn't listen to me. After all that I fell asleep. In the early morning, I woke and I saw a new smartphone was near me along with a letter on it. "Thank you human for being nice to me. This is a gift from my side." I missed him a lot.

---Geetansh Singh, VII-C



I still remember the moment on New Year's Eve. I wished to explore other planets and to meet an alien in real. When I told my friends about it they all laughed like jokers. They said it was impossible to meet an alien but I didn't listen to them. That night I just wished to see an alien. Suddenly, a loud noise banged my room's window. I got up and creeped out of the door quietly. I saw that smoke was coming from the main park with lot of trees. What I just saw I couldn't tell you. It was an UFO. I saw a shadow just like humans but only with a different tone. He had big eyes, one long antenna and a white silver dress with a laser gun and a shield generator. He seemed to pick his gun, I was about to run but he just took a small piece of a chocolate or something like that and ate it. Then he scanned me by a scanner on his head and just started to talk to me in English, that's strange. He said "Hi Bhimansh." How on earth he knew my name. He then tried to repair his spaceship or UFO. I helped him to get it done so he could go back. He was so friendly and kind, he offered me a small ball, he said "whatever you want to eat it will turn into it!" I said "I would have a piece of pastry." It really turned to a pastry. At first I pinched myself to make sure it was a dream but 'Ouch' it pains 'Oww…' Suddenly a tree became so weak it was about to fall on the little guy. I had to save him, I leapt over him and I made him roll away from it. He said, "Thank you for saving my life. I will do whatever you want." I said "I would like to go with you to your planet for sometime." He said "No problem, but first we have to repair my vehicle. Then we worked like busy bees or working ants, but we did it. We went in, and I was astonished. It had advanced technology, more advanced than Earth's technology. He closed the door and started it. It slowly started to rise up and it started to pick speed and with speed we crossed the atmosphere in minutes or maybe seconds. He told me that his planet was a few light years away. It took time but we finally reached. It was purple, luckily there were no black holes and it was beautiful like Earth. After spending time there, he took me home and said bye and went away. I wrote about it in my diary and slept peacefully. I told my friends about it and they claimed it to be a dream. But I knew it was not a dream but a reality.

---Samaira Srivastava, VII-D

THE DAY I MET AN ALIEN

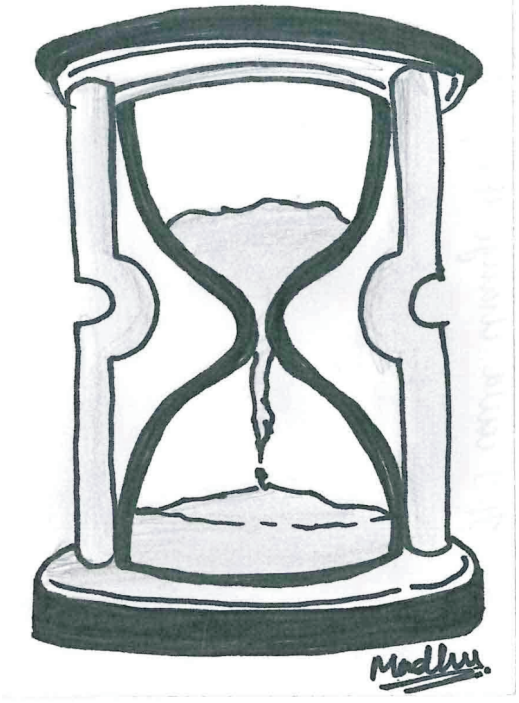
I always wondered whether it is a myth or a reality that aliens exist on other planets. My curiosity was answered when one night I was awakened by a bright light entering my room through the windows. I was scared a little bit. But then I went into the balcony, and I was awestruck by the sight of U.F.O. It landed in my society and to my surprise, a green coloured alien stepped out and popped into my balcony.

I asked him who was he and where was he from. He answered in a gibberish manner but I was able to relate it as it was quite close to English language that he was 'Zomo' and was from the Red Planet- Mars. He told me that he was sent on a mission from Mars to make people on earth aware about how they are polluting their planet which is causing harm to other planets. I was embarrassed to know that how irresponsible all of us on the earth were! Zomo also said that there was too much violence and hatred on earth which was a great concern for the 'MARSIANS'- people living on Mars. I wanted to ask a few more questions but……as I opened my eyes he disappeared. I am still not sure whether it was a real encounter or a dream!

---Arya Tiwari, VII-C

IF I COULD CHANGE THE PAST

I always wondered, what it would be if I could change the past? If I had a time machine? There would be nothing that I wouldn't be able to do! I could go back to Jurassic age and other periods to see the dinosaurs, I could go and meet my favourite author, Roald Dahl, see our Indian Kings reigning peacefully. But now, the question arises, that if I really had a time machine and could go back to the past how could I change the past? Well, if I could really change the past, I will try to prevent the World Wars by going back to the early 1900s. I'll try to prevent the mass extinction of dinosaurs and I'll even try to prevent the numerous assassinations of great people like, the great soul, Mahatma Gandhi by Nathu Ram Godse, the 16th President of USA Mr Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth, etc. I would try to make the present world better by changing the past. I would try to prevent the sinking of Titanic by warning them. I would also try to prevent my own mistakes. But all this really is very difficult but with strong determination and with the help of my friends this is what I would like to do if I could change the past. For my country, those brave freedom fighters who gave their own life at such young ages, so that our country could live independently, I would also try to save their lives if I could change the past. But could I do this alone? Or can we do this alone? But, we really can still make our world and country clean, make it good, make it pollution free etc., but only if we work together.



After all, the present depends on the past and the future depends on the present. We can't change the past, but we really can and should change the present.

---Avishi Dutta, VII-D

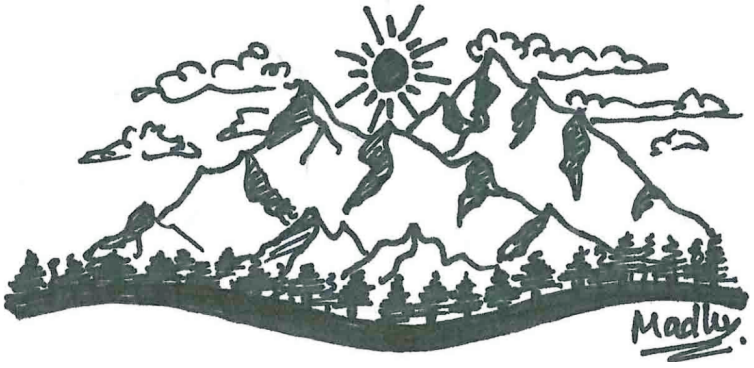
IF I COULD CHANGE THE PAST

Human history has faced tragedies which makes my head bow down in shame. If I had the power to change one thing from the past I would want to change the Second World War, Atomic bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima and the Jews holocaust. 1940 to 1945 were the worst years in the history of mankind. More than 50 million people died and millions more were disabled. It led to nuclear race, between various countries. It was one of the biggest ethnic cleansing in the history of mankind where millions of Jews died in labour camps. It is said that past shapes the future. We still see the horrors of World War II with nuclear weapons, biochemical weapons diseases like cancer that threaten the very existence of mankind.
Hence, it is definitely one of the biggest things I would want to change.

---Ananya Pundhir, VII-C

MY DREAM DESTINATION

My dream destination is Shimla. It is a very beautiful hill station. A hill station has its own charm. It is like a heaven on the earth. The steep hills and tall trees impress us with their grandeur. The greenery and flowers all around refresh our body and mind. The music of Hill steams and spring has a soothing effect on our mind. Life at hill stations is very beautiful. There is no pollution or a traffic jam. There are grassy lawns and beautiful flower beds. The valleys are amazing. As its lies near to Himalayan region it has a cool climate which makes it suitable for the people to live in summer season. As it has very pleasant climate, it is suitable for tourists to stay there and have fun. Shimla receives snowfall during winters which covers the mountain with snow and makes it more beautiful. The people of Shimla are very friendly and are good natured as they are well connected to their tradition. The food served in Shimla is very tasty due to the unique spices grown. Here the houses of Shimla have a very unique style of architecture which makes it suitable for living in mountains in any weather condition. That is the reason Shimla is my dream destination.



---Piyush Pandey, XI–D



We all wish to go on vacation,
And there is always a dream destination.
A land of beautiful mountains,
Rivers and lakes,
A place that offers world's best
Chocolates and cakes.
And if you ask me to name that place,
It would always be Switzerland, with all its grace.
The Alps, the Rhine falls and the snowy way,
Cable car rides and fireworks display.
To know about their culture, the dogs and their dresses,
To lay down on the grass with open tresses.
It has always been my fascination
To visit such a nation.
Hope this dream comes true,
For me and my family too.

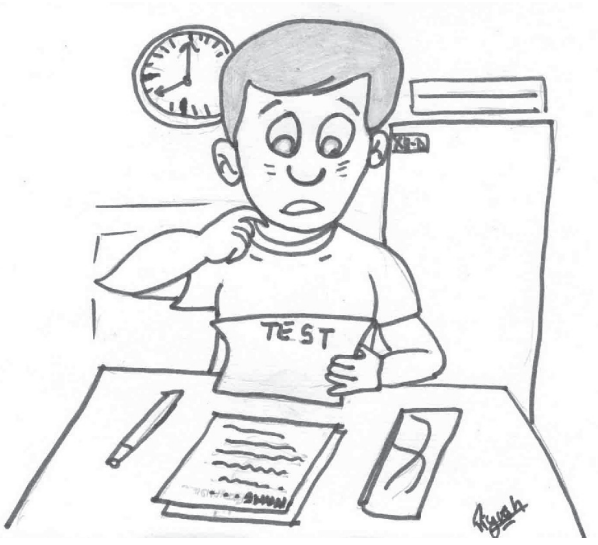
---Kiran Preet Kaur, XI–D

Inside an Examination Hall

According to my personal experience, an examination hall carries the most adventurous inaudible emotions. Different faces showing different signs, confidence, fear, sigh, nervousness etc.

When the exam time begins, there begins the pin-drop silence sent off a stage. Sometimes it's not actually pin drop silence as the tick-tock of the clock or the buzzing of fan can be heard. Looking at the students giving the exam one can really discover the world a little more.

From the moment when the question papers are distributed to the time when they are collected back, a lot is happening in there and the students writing the exams can be characterised differently.



---Disha Singh, XII-D

Examinations play a crucial and important role in a student's life. But students consider examinations the most dangerous phase of their life. They don't want to try and understand that examinations are the only one that prepare a student for upcoming challenges that he or she is going to face in their coming future. If examinations are not present in a student's life, then a student's life is not less than an empty ocean.

Inside an examination hall, a student experiences a sense of responsibility and struggle. He is little scared but this scariness makes him a person with a calibre of fighting with such scary reasons, thereby making him aware of the coming situations of his future life. A student is instructed to maintain discipline and decorum in an examination hall, thereby teaching him the importance of discipline in life. He is instructed by the invigilator not to cheat from anyone's paper which teaches him that we should never cheat anybody as it cannot make anyone gain something or lose something. And most importantly, it teaches the students to follow instructions and also a sense of respect towards teachers and elders.



Therefore, examinations are very important in everyone's life and an experiencing in an examination hall teaches us many values which help us draft our future fruitfully and joyfully.

---Divyanshi, XII-D

Inside an Examination Hall

World's dreadful place,
Wherein I stand.
Watching people mug it up all,
Is the examination hall!

Stepping inside the examination hall,
Is in itself the worst experience someone had have.
All hearts pumping hard,
All the faces dull and pale!

Cheater Peter trying to hide the chits,
Under the table, under the chair,
Inside his shirt, or even inside his hair!
But still, will always fail!

There was a crowd near
The desk of Mr. Topper, Mopper.
He was teaching the students the laws,
In exchange for their tiffin box!

And here we meet
The Mugger, Jack
Trying to gulp in as much as he can
Till the last minute for exam!

And then the gang strikes,
Everybody is calm and quiet.
Then the death note comes in,
On which we have to write our future and win!

And then the game begins,
The tick tock of the clock seems to kill us within.
Everybody trying hard to keep their wickets up,
To get that glorious 100% cup!

And the first question is a six from the topper mopper,
But gets a wicket of the Cheater Peter.
The Mugger Jack runs for a four,
But is stopped for a two over four!

The Cheater Peter tries to pull out the chit from his hair,
But fails miserably and gets caught...
The Mugger Jack asks an answer from Topper,
And gloriously hits a sixer!

And finally the inning gets over.
The Topper with a big smile,
Mugger with a small one,
And the Cheater's face remains the same, dull & pale!

---Himanshu Manna, XII-D



Tension, fear and pressure are among a few other things that a child faces before an examination unless one's a reincarnation of Einstein. When sitting inside an examination hall the students have to face the pressure of performing well, scoring good marks and make their parents proud but in reality while in an examination hall no matter what exam the student is attempting, he will only think about things that are not a part or related to the exam. For example when I sit inside an exam hall all I think about is how am I going to save this school during an terrorist attack or an alien invasion.

When the exam is going on, irrespective of the subject, there comes a time when suddenly some catchy music pops inside your head and you keep singing it even though you know you have to complete your paper.

Inside an exam hall there is silence, everyone is busy minding their own work is just what a teacher dreams of. Students try to cheat every time in every kind of exams: some are experts, some are novice and we improvise, but cheating cannot be stopped, that is for sure.

Regardless of all this, examinations are the most difficult and most exhausting time of a student's life. The moment of joy and celebration and the little Independence Day is what make the students' happy and content. But, the last minute studies, use of sign language and the after-exam discussions are what a student is going to miss the most about examinations.

---Rajashri Mitra, XII-D

Inside an Examination Hall



2 minutes are left for the booklets to be distributed and I am definitely not freaking out. When the booklet comes, you have to write your name, class.... No, no not your name your roll number for that you need your admit card and it is in my back pocket (*searches in the pocket) Oh! no...No... No... No maybe in the front, I have lost it definitely I am so irresponsible. I should have photo copied it. Maybe it is in my desk. Oh Thank God! I look so bad in the photo on the admit card, is this how I look like without Snap chat filters. The booklets are coming, calm down... calm down... CALM DOWN! That's more like it. Slowly fill up the details and do it carefully in no hurry don't make mistakes.

Now what do I do, there are like 10 minutes left and I have filled up the details. I could sleep, but I won't because then I'll sleep in between the paper too. I could just look around. Aryan looks calm I bet I can score more than him. Sneha, well somebody has to get the highest marks so I'll let her get highest marks Ryan is sleeping, maybe he got 2 or 3 answers right.

Oh! The question papers coming... "Nana Na nana Na" what's that? That's a song, which song? The song I listened to last night, a new song. What is its name? What are the lyrics? I don't know I just heard it once. You idiot you don't listen to a new song on night before the exam. 'I let it fall my heart and blah blah blah something something NaNaNa you rose to claim it'. I am going to kill myself. Why can't I figure out the lyrics? God you are about get the question paper and your concern is what the lyrics are.

My God I am holding the question paper right now. Should I start from the beginning or the end? One markers are never easy same goes for six marker. I am going to cry, I am definitely going to fail. Here it goes okay Q1 - easy, Q2 - easy, Q3 - don't know, Q4 - maybe, Q5 - okay, Q6 - what? There are two parts and the two are divided into three more. I know the first from the first part but not the others and I know the second and third from the second part, the outcome of playing Candy Crush for an hour. Let me see what others are doing Rekha is writing so swiftly; Arman is looking at me and showing two fingers. He's nuts how are you supposed to tell him answers in a math test. God!

I better start writing otherwise I will fall behind others. I am writing, I am writing, what am I writing? What's 7 x 8, oh! I don't know what 7 x 8 is, so 7 x 7 is 49 then 7 x 8 is 56. That's right.

10 minutes are left oh God I am finished right. I should be finished I'll do revision but I missed the last question then.

Okay 3, 2, 1 exam over! I better get more than 85 or I'll be out of the house.

---Runjhun Sagar, XII-B

Are We Happier than Our Forefathers?

The year is 1800 BC. Earth is still a newborn planet on which life can survive. Most importantly, man can survive. As one flows through the pious rivers of our ancestors, one could see a great amount of sinless joy waiting at the river banks, to be explored. The earliest Homo Sapiens are enjoying their life to the fullest: children playing, mothers picking fresh fruits, fathers doing the manly stuff - hunting down petty animals. And at night, near the same river bank, community bonfire followed by sound and effective sleep, concludes the day of our forefathers.



Fast forward 3800 years. The earth has changed. Homo sapiens have evolved like nothing else ever could. As one traverses through the modern city of dreams, there is a stark change in the livelihood of human species. People are floating in the local trains of Mumbai like cattle. Chaos and high intensity sounds follow. For many modern families, the daily schedules are too tight. The father or the mother work all day long whether it is office or home. There is always a constant pressure of deadlines, for children, the precious minds of the future. So, anyone can clearly answer “how much happier humans are", though sarcastically. As humans evolved, so did the population. Weight on Earth has never ever been so heavy in the modern times. With human mind expanding, innovations follow. Calling anyone, anytime and anywhere, power of electricity, transportation, entertainment, media, glitz and glamour has become a household necessity for everyone.

But on a deeper level, there is little happiness left now. People are so close, yet so far away from each other, all thanks to the troublemaker mobile phone. Competing with peers, birds, colleagues but one's self, is the nature of today's human. There is so much of competition, that is one live a simple life - "getting better of himself only" he would be labelled as a “non-competitive, confidence-less fluke". And the mindset of society in itself justifies that happiness is a by-gone thing that of past, which sadly is definitely true. People's nature of not being content with anything, is the root of all the problems. The quest to make Earth a thriving battlefield has left so many physical wounds on the mother earth. She cries, and calamities like floods, tsunamis follow. But, her immature children are too busy fighting with themselves, that they are not seeing how they are killing their own mother. And criminals like these are doomed, by the Lord, to not be happy because of such a sin.

Ultimately, one can conclude our ancestors lead a simply healthy life, and happiness is definitely a thing of distant past.

---Prachir Agarwal, XII-B

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Are we really happier than our forefathers? The answer to this may be different to different people. We as children never experienced the life of our forefathers but stories tell us that they too were happy and grateful to the life they were living.

In the field of environment like gaming, TVs etc. we, the present generation, is way happier than our forefathers. It has given us a variety of options to choose. But though there were no TVs during our forefathers' time yet life was going on. Instead they preached to be outdoors which helped them remain fit and strong. On the other hand, advancement in entertainment technology has harmed us badly. Less outdoor activities have results in various diseases.



In terms of science and technology there has been a drastic change. Communication, transportation etc. have advanced and helped us in living a better life while there was a difficulty in communication at that time.

The standard of living in the present generation is far better than our forefathers but it also increased great stress and anxiety. So according to me, we may be happier than our forefathers in many ways but their life was simple and easy.

---Tanul, XII-D

Living in a world of advanced technology surely has made our life easier. We've got internet and the web connecting us to people living in various parts of the world. Gone are the days when we wrote letters to our family and friends; gone are the days when we spent hours in library reading encyclopaedias and skimming through pages of dictionaries to find the meanings of complex words. With the arrival of 'Google' search engine, within seconds we get the required information. We barely use stairs as we have elevators. Technology surely has made our life easy.

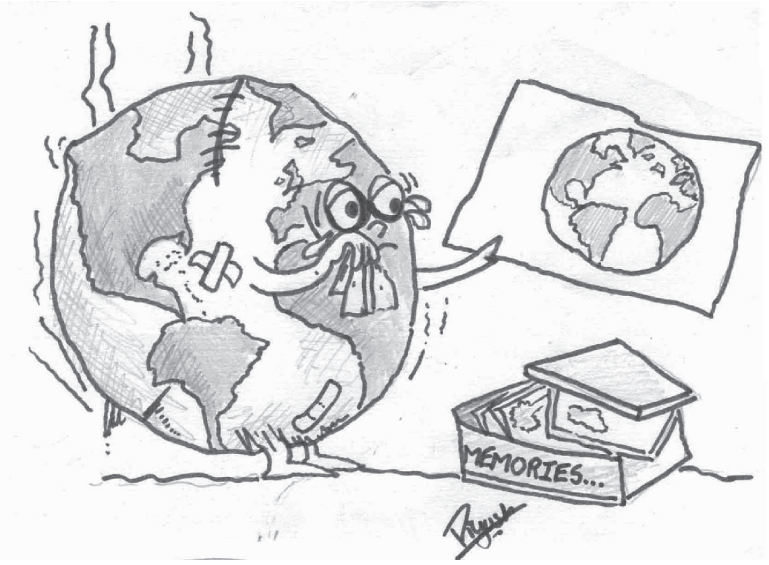
But are we really happy? Though our day to day tasks have been made simpler, but where is this new era landing us to? Telephones were invented so that we get a chance to communicate with our loved ones living far away. Now we have cell phones and different social media apps through which people communicate with each other. We don't realise that these apps don't enhance our communication skills, instead it deteriorates them. We keep chatting with unknown people for hours on phone but don't know how to talk with a person living in the same room.

We are so dependent on search engines that our memorising power and brain function has deteriorated. People try to satisfy their ego with how many likes they got for their post. Children are so addicted to new gadgets that we rarely see them stepping out of their house and playing outdoor games, Obesity is a common problem among youth. It's hard to get natural and fresh products these days. Cosmetics having harmful chemicals damage the skin.

We surely are happy today but this happiness won't last long. As a chain smoker who enjoys smoking, a lot is bound to suffer from cancer at some point of time in his life. Similarly though we enjoy being so dependent on the advanced technology we are bound to suffer at some point of time in our life.

---Sakshi Roy, XII-B

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Happiness-the word that means getting a like on Facebook, Instagram, having 1000+ followers on Snap chat, getting good and beautiful pictures by using filters and various Photoshop means of course - for a 21st century kid I say. Getting unwanted attention, being socially famous or let's say really active on social media. For us, probably I would say I am not one of these, but unwanted attention- not my zone.

Today's world has become a totally virtual and technological one.

People here prefer to send messages instead of visiting friends or relatives on occasions. For the children, playing Clash of Clans has become more interesting than playing football. People have confined their lives to either their cell phones or their television.

In the race of proving ourselves to be better than the rest and eventually "the best" of all, we forget about the real happiness- being with our family and our loved ones; complaining about our younger sibling and laughing on them: making fun of my brother's running nose and then he running to mum to complain.

Real happiness lies in this and not being just confined to the four walls of your room along with your phone as your partner. Time has come to such an extent that people now use their cell phones even in washroom, dining tables and yes to the bed- you know to check our profiles before going to bed. I would neither say that we are happier than our forefathers nor I would say we are less happy than them, I would say at that time happiness for people was getting a good harvest. People didn't have internet and social media. They were totally dependent on their harvest; they celebrated the abundance of harvest. For them, proving to someone didn't mean anything. Going to the wells to get buckets or pots full of water, children playing in the lanes and on the roads, marbles and 'gilli-danda' were games of their time. Our forefathers have given us a custom, culture and tradition which has been altered by today's people according to their needs and their convenience.

We and our forefathers are and were happy accordingly. We are happy in our way and they were happy in their own way.

---Tanu Singh, XII-B

Where Do you see yourself in the next ten years?

"Hey mate, what shall we do about the MID? Surely, we are not going to put the old one in this, are we?" my colleague asked me.
"No need to do that. It will look out of fashion" I replied, casually.
"What is in your mind, then?"
"Nothing. Nothing Specific. It looks like as if time has come to make things more efficient."
"I'm not getting it." Dean said.
"Here, take it and observe." I held him a paper , which he accepted it.
He stared at it for a few moments before saying,
"I say, have you ever dreamt that you will be sitting here in this cabin, being the Project Manager of Jaguar-Land Rover? It was not easy, was it?"
What he just said was perfectly true. The last ten years of my life was not easy and ordinary, at least for me. I pressed the rewind button of my thoughts.
Initially, I had no likings for cars. Earlier, to me, a car looked like as though it was a load of machines which was arranged in such a manner, so that we could travel in it. I had no idea of the components inside it. But, then, there was a sharp turn in my life which changed my attitude towards cars completely.
To be more specific, I found the dashboard of the car more interesting than any other parts. The Infotainment System, Multi Information Display or MID for short, gearbox, steering wheel were some of the things which fascinated me. These made me to take Electronics branch in B.Tech after school. But it was not all. Artificial Intelligence or AI for short also had a major part to play in these things. Artificial Intelligence also helps in the development of connected and autonomous cars. The parking sensors with camera, Fuel Economy, Distance to Empty and the Interface is an amalgamation of sensor and engineering. Also, M.Tech in Sensor Technology and IOT (Internet of Things) were some courses which were able to guide me to the new era in the Automobile Industry, some of the major developments being, Smart cars or self-driving cars.
But, the most important thing was to change my weaknesses into strengths. One of my weak points was that I lacked concentration. I had to improve myself in certain ways so that I could concentrate and focus on which I was doing. I still remember, one of my teachers appointing me as the Co-ordinator while still at school. This helped me to boost up my confidence immensely and I also thank her for this. Had she made some other as the Co-ordinator, I would not be sitting here as the Project Manager of Jaguar-Land Rover…
"Hello! Are you there? What happened?" Dean said , shaking me.
"Wha- oh yeah! I'm fine. So, where were we?"
MID mate, the design of the MID."
"Okay. Lets get back to work." I said, grinning.

---Anuroop Roy, X-D

HAS GOOGLE REPLACED TRADITIONAL LIBRARY

In this era of development, everything is dependent on technology. For instance, we nowadays take no interest in reading books. What we do is that we 'google' them and get the required information.

Talking about books relates me to the fact that yes, Google has replaced the traditional library. Earlier, when students were allotted their school projects or any assignment, they usually rushed to the library and searched for books relating to the topic. They did an incredible amount of hard work as they were involved in researches during that time in the library. They gained a lot of knowledge which proved to be lifelong. But nowadays nobody bothers to search for a book in the library, instead they just google their topics and get the required information. Not only that, if they searched for any school project or assignment, they could easily get the whole project available on the internet and what they are liable to do is just copy the project blindly. We can never compare this copying to the hard work done in researching for topics in books at a traditional library.

We can take another example of a dictionary. We must admit that we all know how to search the meaning of a word in the dictionary, but still we google the word and get the elaborate meaning and this is just because we have become so lazy and so very dependent on technology, that we do not dare to even get up from our beds and do some hard work. When we have Google in front of us then why should we even get up and go to a library?- This is the mentality of people nowadays. Only a few people have interest in reading, else all others have lost interest in books. Library has become a seldom visited place. We should develop our interests towards books, which are somebody's great mind work and not just a piece of scanned or uploaded work on the internet, to maintain the concept of traditional library in this world.

---Mansi Modi, X-A

Once upon a time there were old buildings called 'libraries' which housed those bound 'books'. You may have heard of books but those books were nothing like the ones we have today. For starters, there were no such things as 'vanity publishers'.

It is easy to get influenced by the convenience of Google. With its ultra fast connectivity, it sometimes seems like the whole world is under your fingertips. You can ask Google any question you like. Then you can get the answer without having to go to the library or even getting out of your chair.

Just a 'search' click and you are millions of kilometers away from your home. The number of people especially between age groups of 12-30, having I-phone, MacBook, Kindle in their hands with more than thirty thousand E-books downloaded have more proclivity than the ones who like to have books in their hands and like to flip pages.

Google has surely replaced the ancient culture of library, the antique scent of the books and the buildings with 'Silence Please' signs on its walls. Google saves time and is eco-friendly . What more a man needs! Just a phone, google and internet connection.

What my point is that if a grandfather says it is good to take a walk and go to the library, he is as right as the grandson who says, "I have my IPad and three hundred e-books."

---Bhavika Choudhary, X-B

Has Google replaced our traditional libraries?

The ancient culture of traditional libraries, the antique scent of pages which have been flipped in many hands and the common place where we find 'silence' on the walls is fading away with the sprouting of e-books and the internet giant Google's options.

Though technology has always stood in the front for war or hug, the number of people especially 12-30 years of age groups holding ipad, iphone notebook, android for accessing more than 3 million e-books have a greater proclivity than those who are interested in holding a book and flipping pages. Google though reduces the paper usage and is environmental friendly in a way, it also does make us mechanical and fades memories and hand writings.

Establishing library is useless for certain people because they believe internet is able to replace the function to acquire information. I totally disagree with this statement because internet cannot completely displace the role of libraries.

The advance technology of internet has some drawbacks when people over use it. Unless there is library as a source of knowledge, people only depend on gadget screen which is not good for their health.

To sum up, I believe the function of our libraries cannot be changed by internet forever. Although internet makes everything easier, people need library to improve their knowledge.

---Devanshi, X-C

A Teenager's Journey

The life of a teenager is not as simple and enjoyable as it seems. This is the time when we all start growing up. We are no longer kids but aren't adults either. We start developing plans for our future. Very often we want our opinions to be raised and many times conflicts occur due to difference in opinions. We want to prove ourselves right and fight with our elders. Some teenagers also risk their lives for short-lived reputation.

At this age, some hormones release in our body. This leads to mood swings and frustration. We have to be careful while choosing our friends as having a bad friend circle is very dangerous. Teens don't have enough knowledge about what is wrong and what is right. They just follow the path they are guided to, whether it is good or bad. Therefore, we should spend a lot of time with our parents and share everything with them.

Mobile phones are a great distraction, not only for teenagers but for everybody. It has been found out in surveys that teenagers spend more time with their mobiles than with people. They waste a lot of time on technology and as a result, are not able to fully concentrate on our academics. Parents and teachers also pressurise us to study all the time. Some teenagers take this in the wrong way and start fearing life. "What if I don't score as much as they want me to?" they think. This leads to depression-related disorders and many of us give up on life.

To end, I would conclude with the fact that if lived wisely, teenage can be the most enjoyable part of our lives. Everything should be done in a limit and we must give time to everything.

---Vanisha Tyagi, X-B

A Teenager's Journey

The truth of the journey is that being a teenager is hard, right from the beginning, and it doesn't get any easier. Our life is filled with stress. One of the greatest sources of pressure is school. Where we are herded like cattle from room to room, chewing on our cud, while the hay of knowledge is force fed to us as we are trying our hardest to gulp it down as more and more is shoveled in. Another source of pressure is ourselves. We try our hardest to be accepted among a certain group or circle. Whereas most of the time we are rejected and we became depressed. Depression, another problem, along with ignorance and apathy that thwarts our lives. Drugs between teenagers is the most serious problem, it causes a change in the behavior of any teenager and physical change too. Teenagers starts drinking alcoholic drinks and later find it difficult to escape from it. It creates many problems. Friend influences the child so that they can be well in school or to become popular. Peer is most powerful and influential in a teen's life and tend to have more power than parents. In this teen's have some common quotes like-

I AM WHO I AM, I LIKE WHAT I LIKE,
I LOVE WHO I LOVE, I DO WHAT I WANT,
GET OFF MY BACK AND DEAL WITH IT
IT'S MY LIFE NOT YOURS

Peer pressure which is present is not always negative but also positive. Teenagers spend more time alone or with friends. They share a lot with and copy a great deal from their friends. For example, teens might change their behavior, appearance, becomes intense, close and supportive for their friends. Peer pressure is positive also like specially when they begin to analyze their self, contemplate on their ways of life, teaches way of living, change for better, exposes world outside the home, brings constructive change in personality and starts living a independent life.

---Shristi Roy, X-B



The journey of a teenager is by no means, easy at all. One experiences a lot of challenges and consequences during this stage of life. But we should never give up, because the beginning is always the hardest. Everything begins to change both physically and emotionally. We should never be afraid to change as we may lose something good but we may get something much better. As our society has changed over the time, teenagers face a number of problems which cannot be ignored. They deal with a lot of emotional highs and lows where mood swings are very common. Many teenagers become victims of depression, peer pressure, low self-esteem, lack of self-respect and discipline. We, as teenagers, must learn to take care of ourselves and know our responsibilities to eradicate all our teenage problems. The journey of a teenager has many chapters. But one bad chapter doesn't mean it's the end of the book. Teenagers should fight their problems and make their own ways without losing hope, because, "Why to fit in, when you were born to stand out".

---Pranjal, X-D

Adversity brings out the Best in a Person

We all must have heard of the saying "no pain-no gain". So to gain something we must face some challenges in life. The more challenging the task is the more beautiful is the result. There are many examples of people who have grown from adverse condition like not even able to earn two square meals but today the world knows them. Abrahim Lincoln belonged to a poor family with 7-8 members to feed and an era in which slavery was at its heights in the US, but he fought slavery and became the president of America. Dhirubbai Ambani who worked at the petrol pump worked hard to lay the foundations of the Reliance Foundation under which there are hundreds of oil stations and supermarts, schools, hospitals etc. There are many more examples like these who fought all odds to become something in this world.



After all the stone takes shape of the sculpture after its sculpted.

So we shouldn't fear challenges and run away from them, but face them, fight them and defeat them because by facing challenges and fighting them we become strong and determined towards our goals. Even a small bug tries hard to reach its destination after being thrown off several times, who has faith in its ability and is even helped by God. Adverse conditions and challenges are given to those who have the capacity to face them.

---Tapisha Bhati, XII-C

I would like to share the inspiring story of Arunima Sinha. Before the onset of adverse conditions she was an athlete. Unfortunately, one day when she was going back to her home by train , some chain snatchers pulled the gold chain from her neck and threw her off from the train. As a result of this accident, she lost one of her legs.

For about three hours she lay there. She could see mice eating her leg but could not do anything. Approximately ten trains went past her. Ultimately she was taken to the hospital; she was feeling incomplete without her one leg. People wondered 'what was she going to do', 'she`s a handicap' and such words amounting to endless torture. But people didn't know what decision she had made. While she lay on hospital she had a thought that she would climb the Everest. Her family supported her but others didn't. She went to Bachendri Pal, and along with Arunima's family, Bachendri Pal also supported her and helped her. She was given a prosthetic leg. Arunima went for practising mountaineering; she was often demotivated because other people could cover a large distance compared to her. But a dedicated heart along with hard work makes a person best.

Finally that day arrived when she really had to climb Mt. Everest with her sherpa. As she was going up it was becoming difficult for her to breathe. When she was about to reach the top, her oxygen tank started declining, but there luck did favour her, as a mountaineer who had an extra tank was going down, gave that extra tank, to her and she did reach the top of the world and made history.

Arunima's story tells us that without problems, struggle, disappointments life is nothing. 'Pain is a gift from God of growth', and one has to go through to become great.

"Challenges are what make life interesting, overcoming them is what makes them meaningful"

---Agmendu Bhati, XII-C

Adversity brings out the Best in Man

The fruit of adversity is really sweet and blessed. Outwardly, adversity is as ugly and venemous as toad, but inwardly it is as precious as a jewel. It pays in the long run. It is a blessing in disguise. It may appear as throwing cold water on the plans of an earnest worker but ultimately it is discovered to have acted as a great stimutant. Almost all great men were born and bred in the school of adversity. Tagore wanted students to lead a life of voluntary poverty so that they might have better chances of becoming great. Adversity shapes men better than anything else. It reveals to them their inner virtues. It makes them aware of their real friends, gives them self-knowledge and self-confidence. Prosperity makes people passive, adversity makes people active. It tests a man's self-confidence, fortitude and patience. It elicits talents which remains dormant in prosperity. Gandhi might not have attained his full stature had the British not maltreated him in Africa. Jawaharlal Nehru might not have become what he did if the British had not massacred thousands of Indians in 1919. It is only the test of adversity which proves one's heroic qualities. It not only tests over quality but also polishes them.



It teaches humanity - Adversity teaches us the great lesson of humanity. It enables us to sympathise with the oppressed humanity. It gives us the ideal of wiping every tear from every eye. It makes us break the bond of ortodosy, supersition and social tyranny. Shakespeare is an immortal writer because he gave us his tragedies, literary critics all over the world, are one in declaring that tragedies are always on a higher level than comedies. So Adversity produces tragedies.

It opens our eye on reality - Adversity saves us from the false notion, it is an eye-opener. It brings us to the matter of fact world. It relieves us of our idle dreams and idealistic fancies. It makes is earthly beings.

It takes us nearer to God - In moments of hardship man folds his hands and prays to God, in moments of prosperity one forgots God. One forgots the transition of joys and pleasures. The narrowing lust of gold, blinds our vision. It makes us concious of only material possession. Genuine mortality is preserved only in the school of adversity. It still may be a teacher but its lessons are unforgettable.

It is well said that prosperity multiplies friends and adversity tests. In this way adversity is a touchstone to Judge friendship.

---Vidhushi Mahata, XII-C

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In this world of growing competition, we see that the children are more stressed and anxious now a days. Causes of youth depression and suicides are seen to be more common in today's generation. The reason for that maybe is the growing competition for not excelling in the examination, high expectations of the parents, low self-esteem, and jealousy among fellow classmates. We also see that in today's generation children are always engaged with electronic gadgets. Most of their hours are consumed by playing video games, chatting and watching television. [Unlike our forefathers who loved to go out and play, make new friends, the children today, prefer to stay at home and have friends on the Facebook and Whatsapp, which is dangerous not only socially but also mentally because these children often get depressed due to bad company of such friends who are complete strangers' such people may lead them to wrong paths in life.] Our forefathers were also taught to be independent as many people used travelled alone from an early age when they had to go to the school but children nowadays are dependent on their parents and that may cause problems in the future. We must know that our forefathers were far more cultured. Than today's children lack who knowledge of our festivals and culture. Anger issues and jealousy are common nowadays. So todays generation is not happier, our forefathers were.

---Pragya Jain, XII-C

'What is this life if full of care
we have no time to stand and stare'

The contemporary world has no time for leisure as we hop along with the striking clock and this non stop marathon is the recruit of our incessant strive towards fullfilling our greed.

Gone are the days when people were happy with their own wealth and did not care over others grain. Perhaps, our forefathers were the last to savour satisfaction.

We live in a world where happiness is directly proportional to transient wealth. Little do we know that this equation does not satisfy the quotient of happiness. Imagine yourself waking up under the shade a mango tree, breathing fresh air, witnessing a picturesque view as you open your eyes. Those were the mornings witnessed by our forefathers.

On the other hand, we need to imagine what was real. Isn`t it evident enough to say that we are not happier than our forefathers?

Well, when it comes to happiness it also means the freedom from fears to live a dignified human life.

Definitely, our forefathers experienced potential bondage from men from different continents. But we have not established emancipation from our own countrymen! Yes! It is true! It is no longer a matter to be 'hush-ed' that we are afraid to step out of our homes as down turns into dusk.

Every night we double lock our doors, double check our closed windows, double the security and sleep with double tensions. Let's not hide the fact that we have turned as mere victims of fright. This lifestyle is in total contrast as compared to our forefathers as they slept without threat to life.

How can we forget about the rising crime rate?

Be it murder or mass genocide we have crossed our forefathers in every sphere of crime, and unfortunately this is the only aspect where we have left the forefathers way back!

Press the pause button of your life and look! Is this what our life was supposed to be? Is the smile on your face a mere mask over your well - groomed face?

---Priyanshi Banerjee, XII-A

Are we happier than our forefathers?

Miles away ashore Ikeria,
a land where one forgets to die
where a person who has lived a century
is young enough to hike.
I saw a woman passing by,
I asked her a question,
not knowing how she will react,
“Are we happier than our forefathers? I asked
Her reply was as beautiful as she,
“Every road has boulders of its own,
and life is like a bicycle, in order to keep balance,
one must keep moving”
She was not sure who told her that,
might have been a traveller she added,
as for secret behind their long life,
I think it must be their diet.
I was left reminded of mother’s saying,
“Some have longer days while some have longer nights”
for now I understand better, the question itself was the answer all you need is happiness,
that's within.
what my mother said is ever so true,
“Happiness is an art and to stay happy,
one must master it.’
So I ask the question again to get my answer.

---Sheikh Malaika Kalia, XII-C

It is an interesting as well as challenging question to answer that, ‘Are we happier than our forefathers?’ I have a mixed opinion about it.

Yes, we are a lot happier than our forefathers in terms of freedom and dignity. Our forefathers were either trapped by the Britishers or by their backwardness, they were always under the control of others and led a miserable life, their forms were destroyed, they were economically unstable. They struggled with various calamities such as drought, famine, scarcity. But we in comparison to our forefathers are much developed and happier. We have been guaranteed freedom, equality, justice by our law. We are economically more stable and developed in terms of infrastructure, healthcare, literacy to name a few. This has led to the growth of our happiness and spiritual quotient. After this we are still lacking in many areas our forefathers used to love their work and enjoy but the modern generation is full of people who don't enjoy their work. Their work is a burden and they waste most of the time complaining about the situation. The growing mental problems such as anxiety attacks, depression did not exist in their times but they do now. Thus, we are not happy as our forefathers.

So, our forefathers were happy in their time and we should be inspired from their positives to become happier. It is important to live in the present and enjoy the moment.

---Siddharth, XII-A

WORKSHOP ON ROAD SAFETY



A workshop on Road Safety was organized at Somerville School, Greater NOIDA on 20th November 2018, to observe the Road Safety Week. The aim of the workshop was to spread awareness among students about the importance of following Traffic Rules. Mr. Balveer Singh, Inspector, Noida Traffic Police conducted the workshop for the students of Classes IX-XI and the School Bus Drivers. The students were made aware about the road safety measures.

Mr. Singh related real life situations and examples to make students understand that a little carelessness on roads could cause serious problems. He spoke in detail about the craze of driving amongst youngsters even before attaining the age of eighteen, over speeding, riding motor bikes without wearing helmets, use of mobile phones while driving etc. He also sensitized the students and bus drivers about being considerate towards others, giving way to Ambulances and Fire Fighting Vehicles.

The session was an interactive one as the students enthusiastically participated in the discussion and promptly answered the questions put up by the resource persons. Mr. Balveer Singh also appreciated the knowledge of bus drivers about road safety rules and was impressed with their neat and tidy uniforms. He quizzed them on the latest developments and use of technology to keep a check on the road safety measures and was full of praise as they were abreast with the same.

Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas thanked Mr. Balveer Singh for giving a comprehensive view to our students, Staff and Bus drivers . She motivated the students to obey traffic rules, be good Samaritans and prove to be responsible citizens of the country. She insisted the students to refrain from driving before attaining the age of eighteen and encouraged them to carry the message forward to their family and friends. The session ended with a pledge taking ceremony wherein the students, staff and bus drivers present pledged to obey the traffic rules.



Western Music Competition – Senior School









Western Music Competition (IX-XII) Solo



Inter House Western Music Competition (Duet) - Second position



Western Music Competition (VI-VIII) Solo



Inter House Western Music Competition Second Position - Moses House



M. Sai Ram stood First in Inter House Western Music Competition in Senior Category Solo



Western Music Competition - Third Position (Solo Category)

Western Music Competition – Senior School



Western Music Competition (VI-VIII) Solo



Third Position in Western Music Competition Category - Duet



Western Music Competition Group (Solomon House)



Western Music Competition - Group (David House)



Western Music Choir - First Position Daniel House

SOLOMON HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2018-19)

"Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child open up himself to life"



MRS. SHIVANI SRIVASTAVA
House Mistress

Maria Tecla Artemisia *Montessori*, the well known Italian physician and educator has very rightly said this. We at Somerville Greater NOIDA believe the same and impart holistic education through various activities. We also believe that every child is unique and he/she possesses certain talent that needs to be uncovered and enriched.

"A child is like butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Each one is different. Each one is special. Each one is beautiful."

The academic year 2018-19 kicked off with new challenges, new hopes and new opportunities. Our House put up an admirable performance in almost every activity. The very first activity of the fresh academic year was the Inter-House *Spellathon.* It brought smile to our face when our house bagged **First** position for Classes VI-VIII; however we had to settle with the **Third** position for Classes IX–XII.

The next event was the Inter-House Western Music Competition. For Classes VI-VIII, we bagged the **First** position in the 'Solo (Male)' category, whereas under the 'Solo (Female)' and 'Group' categories we could get the **Third** position. In the 'Duet' category we held the **Fourth** position. For classes IX-XII, we bagged the **First** position in the 'Solo (Female)' category, **Second** position in the 'Duet' and 'Group' categories and **Fourth** position in the 'Solo (Male)' category. In the subsequent activity of Inter-House Hindi Debate, our participant was chosen as the **Best Speaker**. Inter-House Indian Music Competition was next to follow. Solomon House secured **Second** position in the Instrumental and the Group categories. We held **Fourth** position in the 'Solo' category. In the Inter-House English Debate we got the **Fourth** position. The Inter-House Rangoli Competition, held in August, again cheered our mood when we bagged the **First** position.

We were again soaked in happiness when our house was judged **First** in the Inter-House March past on the Sports Day. The students, with the encouraging support from the House teachers, gave their best and kept the flag of Solomon House up and high. I congratulate all the students whose success made the house proud.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, preservation, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love for what you are doing or learning to do"

At times, we could not be the best amongst all but for such occasions I would like to quote the following:

"My great concern is not whether you have failed but whether you are content with your failure"

Throughout the year, sometimes we reached the zenith, sometimes we were too close and sometimes we lagged behind, but what we drive home is the team spirit, sportsmanship and healthy Competition. At this point I would like to remind what Theodore Roosevelt has said:

"Believe you can and you are halfway there"

I would like to conclude with my sincere thanks to our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas who entrusted me with the responsibility of Solomon House for three successive years. It has been my pleasure to work under her guidance and directions. I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to activity teachers and all my colleagues of Solomon House for their support and cooperation. We worked together for our house and we cheered together for our house.

SOLOMON HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2018-19)



MRS. ANITA SINGH
House Mistress

The session 2018-19, a flotilla of images flit across my mind. I was honoured by reposing faith in me by continuing the responsibility of the House Mistress of Solomon House. I am grateful to our respected Principal Dr Mary Thomas for the faith and confidence she showed in me.

The year 2018-19 was a wonderful year for the students and teachers of Solomon House. The students participated enthusiastically in the electic 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 Western Music competition. The participating children, House mistress and the music teacher put in their sincere efforts and as a result the Solomon house stood third in group category. It was followed by Inter house spellathon competition and Class V students brought laurels to Solomon house by snatching first position and Class IV students bagged 2nd position, class III students tried their best and stood 3rd.

The next awaited event was Inter House Dance Competition in which each participants performed with great zeal and got the 2nd Position.

Another event was Inter house Indian Music and Instrumental Music Competition in which the children of Solomon house performed very well and bagged third position in group category and Ms. Anaya Arafat Class III stood 3rd in solo category.

In all the children of Solomon house took lot of interest and showed their talent with full enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

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, creativity and full support to excel in all our endeavours.

MOSES HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2018-2019)

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"



MRS. SUNITA SINGH
House Mistress

Moses was born to lead, the Moses house is keeping up with the tradition of leading it's members to realize their God ordained talents. Thus each member became a more enlightened responsible person working for the betterment of self, society and there after the nation. All teachers and students deserve appreciation for the supreme efforts made towards the celebration called Moses house.

The year began with the spellathon competition where we carved our way and achieved 2nd rank and became spell champ in Junior category.

The next, the Western music competition (junior category) saw us living up to our image of melody and 'tempo'. By our mesmerizing performance we secured 2nd position in female solo, 3rd position in male solo, 2nd position in duet and 1st position in group competition. Over all we secured 1st rank. In Senior category we secured 1st position in male solo, 2nd position in female solo, 1st rank in duet, 3rd rank in group.

Over all we secured 1st position. We contributed significantly through the Hindi debate, where we continued to contribute to the innovative thought processes in the school scenario. The Indian Music Competition saw us brushing up our ragas, which had the whole school going "ga ga", as we secured 2nd rank in the group competition, we also came 1st in solo. The students used their debating skill to carry it's motion with rhetorics talent, skills and secured 1st rank in English debate. Ritika Sharma from Class (10C) was chosen as the best speaker for the same. We decorated the school floor with Rangoli decoratition in the Rangoli competition, using colours to convey the message of 'saving and conserving environment'.

In a nutshell the journey was significant because wherever we competed we enriched our selves and ensured holistic development of our learners. The joy of our discovery of our skills and the recognition of it brightens our life. Moses House endeavoured to so on under the guidance of our esteemed Principal ma'am Dr. Mary Thomas. I am extremely thankful to her for providing me the opportunity to work as a house mistress along with a team of dedicated house members . It was a learning experience for me.

MOSES HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2018-2019)



MRS. RACHNA SHARMA
House Mistress

In the glorious year 2018 – 2019, Moses House students tried their best and actively participated in many Inter House Competitions. The various competitions held during the academic year provided a platform for the students to prove their talents. Starting from Western Music Inter House Competition, our House won the 1st position in Group song and 3rd position in Solo. Moses House students participated in the Spellathon and stood 1st. We also participated in the Dance Competition.

In Indian Music Inter House Competition, we won 3rd position in Instrumental and 2nd position in Solo, Duet and Group category. The zeal and the sportsmanship spirit of members of Moses House made the session enjoyable. As a House Mistress of Moses House, I express my gratitude to everyone who helped me in some or the other way.

DANIEL HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL (2018-2019)



MRS. NUPUR SRIVASTAVA
House Mistress

Responsibility is the possibility of opportunity culminating in inevitable fulfillness. This was the third consecutive year when I was entrusted with the responsibility of being the House Mistress of Daniel House by our Principal Ma'am. It was indeed a wonderful year for the house as the students added many feathers to their caps and won prizes in the plethora of activities thereby glorifying the name of their house.

The Senior School Investiture Ceremony was certainly a proud moment for the Captains, Vice-Captains and House Representatives as Principal ma'am pinned their badges and they took the oath to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. The newly formed team of Captains and Representatives led the House and motivated the students to maximize their participation in Inter House Competitions. The Inter House Spellathon for Middle and Senior school was an activity which did encourage our students to

perfect their spelling. A team of four participants was formed after a grueling session on spelling by the English teachers of Daniel House. In this enriching activity our Senior School team won the second position.

Inter House Western Music competition is always the much awaited event for it gives our budding singers to participate in various categories of the musical odyssey. We bagged the first position in the group category, first in Male Solo (Middle School) third place in Female Solo- Middle and Senior School and were adjudged Winners in the Senior School -Duet category. The Topic 'Plastic ka Prayog Vardaan ya Abhishap' was well debated by the participants of Hindi debate. We received the Best Speaker and Best House prize. The nightingales of the Indian Music Choir sang inspiring Patriotic Songs in the Inter House Indian Music competition and brought laurels to the house by winning the First place in the group category and third position in the Solo category. The Inter House English Debate competition was also held during the Patriotic week and our participants discussed the pros and cons of the topic 'Media Influences Public Opinion-Is this What We Call Democracy?' We received the best speaker and Best Interjector prize too. The creative aspect of our students was exhibited in the Inter House Rangoli competition as they filled colours in their Rangolis based on the theme 'Save Fuel'.

The umpteen Inter House activities planned for the academic session helped our students realise their potential, gave them an opportunity to explore their talent and become confident individuals. My co-teachers of the house and activity teachers extended their cooperation and together we marched on this journey of helping our students becoming excellent orators, artists, debaters and singers. All this was possible only because of the expert guidance of our Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas. Thank You ma'am for believing in me!

DANIEL HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL (2018-2019)



MRS. SUMAN SINGH
House Mistress

I am deeply touched and may fall short of words to express my emotions and the gratitude for the opportunity I have received to be the House Mistress of Daniel House for the third time. I extend my sincere thanks to our respected Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas for entrusting me with this responsibility.

The school motto "Love one another" is the touchstone of our vision for an all-round development of the children, a strong Value system, Quest for Excellence and Service before Self. The house activities are designed to help the students live up to the motto to love and care for everyone in helping and raising capable, concerned and responsible citizens of the country.

The first competition of the session was the Western Music Competition held in April where our House achieved the second prize for both individual and group positions. The Spellathon competition in May saw students from class 3 to 5 again bagging the second position. Our graceful dancers won the third prize for the Inter House Dance competition held in May. Our melodious musicians got the third prize for the group spot and the second for instrumental.

I wish to express my deepest respect and appreciation to all my colleagues and the students who made all the achievements possible for Daniel House.

A team is like a tool set, not one tool can do all the jobs, but together it can. So let's join our hands together to work with team spirit for our school and the students.

I wish all the best to Daniel House for the years to come. May it always strive for excellence.

DAVID HOUSE REPORT SENIOR SCHOOL 2018 -19

When the spirit is high and the ambition is set then sky is the limit.



MRS. ARTI SAXENA
House Mistress

The greatest glory of David House is not in,never falling but in rising every time we fall. David House is named after King David the second king of the United Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, who was a young shepherd and gains fame first as a musician and later as a warrior, by killing the giant Goliath.

During the session 2018 –I9 I and my support staff made sure that all the students inculcate the values of high imagination and creativity. The house excelled in almost all the spheres and the students, with the support of their art and language teachers put in their maximum efforts in bringing laurels to the House. The children were determined to do their best and their hard work,surely brought good results.

The session 2018 -19 started with the Inter house Spellathon which was conducted in two phases (VI –VIII) and (IX to XII). In the first category David house stood third and in the second category we stood first. Aditya Joshi of our House was the 'Spell Champ' which was an added feather to the cap. This was followed by the Western Music competition where the students mesmerised the audience with their melodious Oscar Winning songs. In the category (VI- VIII) the house got a second position in male solo, duet and group songs and (IX-XII) category second in male solo. Overall in both the categories the house stood third.

The house could not bag any position in the English and Hindi Debate but it was a good learning experience for the students as they learnt to face the audience and put their views in public. However, the best interjector in English debate was judged from our house. Last but not the least was the Rangoli Making Competition, where the students displayed their artistic skills and put their ideas of 'Swacch Bharat' into a piece of art, in the form of a rangoli and won the second prize.

I thank my school Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas for reposing faith in me and giving me this responsibility for the third consecutive year. I also take this opportunity to thank all my co teachers who supported me and trained the students for various activities. As teachers it is our duty to bring about all round development of a child and it is rightly said –

All kids need a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.

DAVID HOUSE REPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL 2018 -19

"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

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MRS. SOMNA SAHAY
House Mistress

It gives me great pleasure to share the joy of success bagged by David House in the year 2018-19. I would like to thank our respected Principal Ma'am Dr. Mary Thomas, for giving me this opportunity which was a pleasant learning experience and helped my growth as a teacher.

'To work in team' is the sole motive of David House which brought them laurels. The yearly calendar started with Inter-House Western Music Competition in which the house secured 2nd position, and Malishka Singh of class V-D enthralled us with her

solo singing and secured 1st position. The students further made their way by securing 3rd position in the Inter-House Spellathon Competition. Students mesmerised the audience with their graceful dance moves and were declared 1st in the Inter-House Dance Competition. The whole atmosphere was musical and soothing to our ears when children sang and played various instruments in the Inter-House Indian Music Competition, where they secured 1st position in all categories – solo, duet, group, and instrumental.

The students of David House performed to the best of their capabilities. It was a memorable year where all the students and teachers of David House worked hard to strive for success.

Rangoli Competition



Art speaks where words are unable to explain-Moses House display their creativity



Being creative is not a hobby, it is a way of life ! Solomon House achieves the First Prize



Creativity is the journey of a free soul - Daniel House gets the Third Prize



Striving towards finesse-work in progress !



The desire to create is one of the deepest yearnings of human soul - David House bags the Second Prize

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The month of December brings lot of hope and glad tidings. To spread the message of love the children of Classes Nursery and KG of Somerville Preparatory School & Junior School presented a spectacular assembly on 20th December 2018. The students danced with joy sang carols. A skit was also performed by the students of Nursery and KG on this occasion.



'Bringing The Good News of salvation through the son of God - Lord Jesus Christ'



Carols fill the air



'Glory to God'



Grand Finale



'Love Came Down On Christmas'



'Meaning Of Christmas



Songs of Joy by the Administrative Staff

Our Support Staff



CREATING BRIDGES OF THEIR OWN - AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR TEAM

Inside an Examination Hall

"If its meant to be, it`ll be, just let it be", said Momma as I was looking through my wrist watch which I have not looked at once since my half yearly examinations. As every other kid I was not prepared completely, and was wondering about all the possibilities of how there was a chance for the examination to be postponed-an earthquake, a false fire alarm and every other disaster which could prevent me to write the test.

I had a strategy in my mind about how I would be writing the exam but for how I would prepare the remaining five chapters in one hour revision time. However, my peer became my greatest distraction and we basically wasted the precious 55 minutes doing nothing. Keeping in mind what momma said and the potential words, the invigilator would say if I was late by even a minute, more from now I went out of the class kept my bag against the wall in disappointment.



"If I had one day more..." It thought even after having six days to prepare for my English exam.

Third row- front seat, just before the invigilator. This is a nightmare for every student to know that you cannot cheat because no ones around you. It was 10`0 clock and the answer sheets were distributed. Everyone tried to do the most they could so that they didn't waste time folding sheets and writing during the exam.

Finally, there the gong rang and I got my question paper. Even after the invigilator shouted at the peak of his voice that we are not supposed to write anything on the question paper I did, another gong was heard and after 5 minutes told that we only had 1 hour left and then there was this very person who was hated by every one for what he did next. "Supplementary sheet, sir!", He shouted.

All this was alright but when one of my friends asked for the permission to go to the toilet, I was shocked during an 80 mark long English exam.

I was distracted and the next voice announced 'half an hour left'; three more question, if you compared my handwriting the first page to the last the difference would be from heaven to hell. Even I couldn't understand what I was writing, but I think all the teachers are blessed with this gift to understand what we write in the answer sheet. In the end I would mention is that my mother asked me about my test and I said "It was good".

---Muskan Gupta, XII-C

Where do I see myself after 10 years?

Goals, aspirations, dreams, success are tough words. We all want to achieve them. Many of us succeed, while many of us not but still we all have a clear image of what we want ourselves to be like.

Like any other child I too have a very bright image in my heart and mind about where I want to see myself after a span of time.

Since childhood I wanted to become an IAS officer and hence I dream of it. I see myself as a honest bureaucrat drawing all her attention towards public issues and trying to make her country a better place to live in. I see myself as guardian of public rights and issues, a model of right behaviour and a relief for poor.

I also see myself as a powerful youth of my country who is determined to take her country forward on the tracks of economic and social development and prosperity, also someone who would stand against every single evil and try her best to eliminate it.

I also see myself in a happy family comprising of my parents and grandparents and living gaily and peacefully. I would really want to be responsible citizen with good moral values serving humanity. I have many more aspirations in my mind and I really wish that one day they would come true.

---Spriha Upadhyay, X-B

संपादकीय

शिक्षा का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थी के व्यक्तित्व का चहुँमुखी विकास करके उसे आदर्श नागरिक बनाना है। विद्यालय ही एक ऐसा स्थान है जहाँ अद्भुत प्रतिभासंपन्न और मेधावी छात्रों को स्वतंत्र अभिव्यक्ति एवं सृजनात्मक योग्यता के विस्तार का सुअवसर प्राप्त होता है । हमारा भी संकल्प, विद्यालय में एक ऐसे वातावरण का सृजन करना है जिससे हमारे छात्र इतने योग्य बनें कि समय की शिला पर उनके पद चिह्न युगों तक मानवता का मार्ग दर्शन करें। इस उद्देश्य से विद्यालय में रचनात्मक प्रतियोगिताओं के विभिन्न अवसर प्रदान किए जाते हैं।

हमें विश्वास है कि हमारी पत्रिका अपने कल्याणकारी प्रयोजन के साथ निरंतर आगे बढ़ती रहेगी।

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सच्चा मित्र



हमारा सच्चा मित्र ही हमें सही रास्ता दिखाता है । हमें भी अपने मित्र की मदद करनी चाहिए । हमें अपने मित्र का हमेशा साथ देना चाहिए । हमें अपने मित्र के साथ लड़ाई नहीं करनी चाहिए । सच्चे मित्र की पहचान मुसीबत के समय होती है । सच्चा मित्र सुख-दुख में काम आता है । हम अपने सच्चे मित्र के साथ सुख दुख की बातें कर सकते हैं ।

--- सुमन्यु गर्ग, दूसरी-डी

मेरा परिवार

मेरा नाम लेहन है । मैं अपने छोटे से परिवार के साथ रहता हूँ । मेरी माँ मुझे बहुत अच्छी-अच्छी बातें सिखाती हैं, बहुत अच्छे से समझाती हैं और मुझसे प्यार करती हैं । मेरे पापा पूरे परिवार के लिए अच्छा-अच्छा खाना बनाते हैं, वे बहुत काम करते हैं । मैं उनसे बहुत प्यार करता हूँ । मेरी दीदी मेरे साथ खेलती हैं और मैं उनके साथ पढ़ता भी हूँ । मैं अपने परिवार से बहुत खुश रहता हूँ ।

---लेहन घोष, दूसरी-सी



नई कक्षा में पहला दिन

अप्रैल महीने में तीसरी कक्षा में मेरा पहला दिन था । कक्षा तीन में पहले दिन मुझे नई अध्यापिका और नए छात्र मिले। सभी छात्र बहुत खुश थे । पहले अध्यापिका ने अपना परिचय दिया फिर बच्चों से उनका परिचय लिया । अध्यापिका बहुत हँसमुख थी । उन्होंने हमारा पहला दिन यादगार बना दिया । सबसे ज्यादा प्रसन्नता मुझे अपने मित्र को देखकर हुई जो उसी कक्षा में था । सभी अध्यापिकाओं का स्नेहपूर्ण व्यवहार देखकर नई कक्षा में मुझे अपना पहला दिन बहुत अच्छा लगा ।

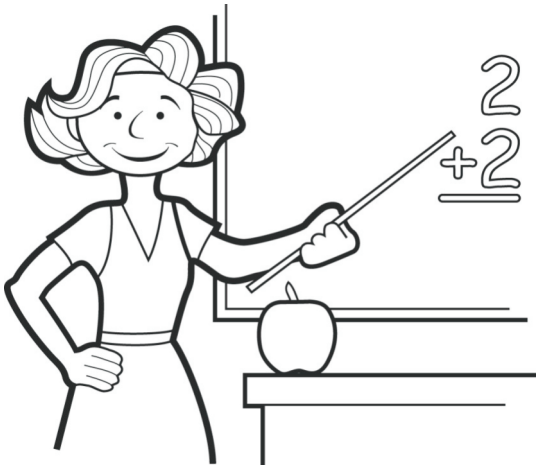
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तीन अप्रैल को मेरी नई कक्षा में मेरा पहला दिन था । मैं बहुत खुश थी इसलिए मैं जल्दी से उठकर नहा-धोकर अपने नए कपड़ों में तैयार हो गई । मैं मम्मी के साथ बस स्टॉप तक गई फिर बस में बैठ कर स्कूल पहुँच गई । सबसे पहले मैं अपनी पुरानी कक्षा में गई हम सब आपस में सलाह कर रहे थे कि हम कौन-कौन सी कक्षा में जाएँगे फिर हमारी अध्यापिका ने हमें नई कक्षा के बारे में बताया । मुझे मेरी मन पसंद अध्यापिका मिलीं । वे हमें नई कक्षा में लेकर गई । हमारी कक्षा अध्यापिका का नाम अनिता सिंह है । वे हमें हिंदी पढ़ाएँगी । मुझे यह जानकर बहुत खुशी हुई कि मेरे पुराने दोस्त मुझे वापस मिल गए मगर मेरे कुछ दोस्त मेरे साथ नहीं थे इसलिए मैं थोड़ी सी दुखी भी थी । दिन खतम हुआ । मुझे मेरी नई कक्षा बहुत पसंद आई ।

---दीपिका मिश्रा, चौथी-सी

मेरी मनपसंद अध्यापिका



मेरी कक्षा अध्यापिका ही मेरी प्रिय अध्यापिका है । उनका नाम प्रमिला चाँद है । वह स्वभाव से बहुत अधिक प्यार करने वाली और विनम्र है । वह कक्षा में हमेशा समय पर आती है वह हमारे साथ बहुत ही मित्रवत् व्यवहार करती हैं और हमें उनसे कभी भी डर नहीं लगता । मैं उन्हें अच्छे व्यवहार और विनम्र स्वभाव के कारण अधिक पसंद करता हूँ ।

---श्यामल गर्ग, तीसरी-बी (प्रथम)

स्वास्थ्य ही धन है

यह बिल्कुल सत्य है कि, स्वास्थ्य ही धन है । क्योंकि हमारा शरीर ही हमारी सभी, अच्छी और बुरी सभी तरह की परिस्थितियों में हमारे साथ रहता है । इस संसार में कोई भी हमारे बुरे समय में मदद नहीं कर सकता है इसलिए यदि हमारा स्वास्थ्य ठीक है तो हम अपने जीवन में किसी भी बुरी परिस्थिति का सामना कर सकते हैं । यदि कोई स्वस्थ नहीं है, तो वह अवश्य ही जीवन का आनंद लेने के स्थान पर जीवन में स्वास्थ्य संबंधी या अन्य परेशानियों से पीड़ित होगा ।

---लक्षिता सिंह, चौथी-बी

उफ! ये गरमी का दिन



उफ! ये गरमी के दिन बहुत कठिन है । गरमियों में पक्के-मीठे आम भी खाने को मिलते है । गरमियों की छुट्टियाँ में हम परिवार के साथ अलग-अलग स्थानों में घूमने जाते हैं । हम वहाँ के भोजनालय में जाकर बढ़िया-बढ़िया खाना खाते हैं । बड़ा मज़ा आता है । गरमी में हम ठंडा पानी पीते हैं । गरमी में जब हम ठंडे पानी से नहाते हैं तो अच्छा लगता है ।



---पावनी, चौथी-डी

पेड - हमारे मित्र

अगर इस धरती पर पेड़ न होते तो हम भी न होते । पेड़-पौधों से ही हमें भोजन यानि फल, फूल, अन्न आदि मिलता है । कई पेड़ों की जड़, छाल और पत्तियों से दवाइयाँ बनती हैं । पेड़ों से कपास, चाय, कॉफी, लकड़ी और रबड़ मिलता है । ये सब चीज़ें हमारे रोज़ के काम में आने वाली चीज़ें हैं । पेड़ों के कारण हमें शुद्ध हवा मिलती है । पेड़ों के ही कारण समय पर पानी बरसता है । पेड़ों से रंग-रोगन और इत्र भी बनाए जाते हैं । गरमी में पेड़ों की छाया सुख देने वाली होती है । अतः पेड़ हमारे मित्र हैं । पेड़ों की रक्षा करना हमारा कर्त्तव्य है ।



---पावनी, चौथी-डी

जब मैं पहली बार मॉल गई ।

जब मैं पहली बार मॉल गई तब मैं बहुत छोटी थी । सबसे पहले हम एक बहुत बड़ी दुकान में गए जिसका नाम बिग बाज़ार था । उस दुकान की दीवारों पर रंग-बिरंगे रंग पुते हुए थे और ए.सी. की ठंडी - ठंडी हवा हमारे शरीर को एकदम ठंडा कर रही थीं । वहाँ रंग बिरंगे बरतन, रॉशन, खिलौने और कपड़े थे । मम्मी ने कुछ बरतन खरीदे, मेरे और पापा ने कुछ कपड़े लिए । मम्मी-पापा ने मुझे बहुत सारे अच्छे खिलौने दिलाए । जैसे ही मैं उस दुकान से निकली तो मैंने एक लाल रंग की छोटी बस में बैठे कुछ बच्चों को पूरे मॉल में घूमते देखा । तभी मैंने अपनी मम्मी से उसमें बैठने की ज़िद की लेकिन मेरे मम्मी-पापा मुझे उसमें बैठने नहीं दे रहे थे । आखिरकार बहुत ज़िद करने के बाद वह मान गए । मुझे पूरे मॉल में घूमने में इतना मज़ा आया कि मैं बता नहीं सकती । फिर हम लिफ्ट से मॉल की तीसरी मंज़िल पर खाना खाने गए । हमने छोले भटूरे, बर्गर और इडली-सांभर मँगवाए । सारा खाना इतना मज़ेदार था कि हम अपनी उँगलियाँ चाटने लग गए अंत में हमने आइस्क्रीम खाई जो बहुत स्वादिष्ट थी । मुझे वहाँ बहुत मज़ा आया ।

---एलिज़ा, चौथी-सी

मेरी प्रिय ऋतु



पानी आया..... पानी आया....
गरज रहे बादल घनघोर
ठुमक-ठुमक कर नाचे मोर
पी-पी रटने लगा पपीहा
झन-झन-झन झींगुर का शोर
दूर कहीं मेढ़क टर्राया
पानी आया.... पानी आया....
रिमझिम-रिमझिम बूँदें आईं
खुशियों की सौगातें लाईं
पेड़ों के पत्तों ने भर-भर
झूम-झूमकर तालियाँ बजाईं
गरमी का हो गया सफ़ाया
पानी आया.... पानी आया....
भीग रहे कुछ छाता तानें
राजू- मोनू लगे नहाने
छप-छप-छप-छप करते फिरते
सपने जैसे हुए सयानें
बच्चों का मन है हर्षाया
पानी आया.... पानी आया....

---दीपशिखा भारद्वाज, चौथी-डी

बचपन के दिन

बचपन एक बड़ा महत्त्वपूर्ण समय है जो ज़िंदगी में दोबारा कभी नहीं आ पाता । यह समय ऐसा होता है कि बच्चे के कंधे पर कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होती । ऐसा लगता है कि आसमान पर घूम रहे हो और बादलों पर चल रहे हो । बचपन में हमारे दोस्त बनते हैं लेकिन बड़े होते जाने पर रिश्ते टूट जाते हैं । अगर हम बचपन अच्छा गुज़ारें तो ज़िंदगी भी अच्छी गुज़रेगी । अगर हम बचपन में ही रिश्ते-नाते तोड़ देंगे तो ज़िंदगी भी हाथ से छूट जाएगी । हमें समय का भी पालन करना चाहिए यह बहुत ज़रूरी है । बचपन में सब हम से प्यार करते है लेकिन बड़े होकर भूल जाते हैं । अगर हम प्यार बाँटते रहे तो हम और हिम्मत पा सकते हैं ।

---सैय्यद मोहम्मद ज़ैद, पाँचवीं-डी



बचपन के दिन किसी भी व्यक्ति के जीवन के बड़े महत्त्वपूर्ण दिन होते हैं । बचपन में सभी व्यक्ति चिंता मुक्त जीवन जीते हैं । खेलने - कूदने, खाने-पीने में बड़ा ही आनंद आता है । बचपन में बहुत ही चंचलता और मिठास भरी होती है । बचपन के दिन बहुत ही खुशियों से भरे हुए होते हैं । माता-पिता, दादा-दादी तथा अन्य बड़े लोगों का प्यार और दुलार बहुत ही अच्छा लगता है । अपनी उम्र के बच्चों के साथ खेलना-कूदना, परिवार के लोगों के साथ घूमना-फिरना बस ये ही प्रमुख काम होते हैं । सचमुच बचपन के दिन बहुत ही प्यारे और मनोरंजक होते हैं । मुझे अपने बचपन की बहुत सी बातें याद हैं । इनमें से कुछ प्रिय हैं तो कुछ अप्रिय भी हैं । मेरा बचपन अधिकतर नानी-नाना के साथ बीता है । वहाँ नाना हमें पढ़ाते थे और नानी कहानियाँ सुनाती थीं । मैं रोज़ रात को नानी के पास सोते समय नई-नई कहानियाँ सुनती थी और आज भी छुट्टियों में नानी के घर जाने पर हम वहाँ बहुत मज़े करते हैं । नानी के साथ मैं और मेरा भाई दोनों खूब शरारतें करते हैं । आम और अमरूद तोड़ना, अपनी उम्र के बच्चों के साथ, लुका-छिपी खेलना, बारिश के पानी में भीगना आदि खेल-खेलने में बहुत मज़ा आता है ।

--- रूचिका, पाँचवीं-ए

मेरी प्रतिभा



मेरे अंदर नृत्य करने की प्रतिभा है । नृत्य करने में मुझे बहुत मज़ा आता है और मुझे बहुत अच्छा भी लगता है । मैंने बचपन से ही नृत्य करना सीखा है । एक दिन जब मैं छोटी थी तब मेरी माँ मुझे नृत्य सीखा रही थी तब मेरा पैर मुड़ गया फिर चार महीनों तक मैंने नृत्य नहीं किया । मैंने एक बार दिल्ली में स्टेज़ पर भी नृत्य प्रस्तुत किया है । 'कथक' मुझे अच्छे से करना आता है । मेरी माँ को भरत नाट्यम आता है । मेरी छोटी बहन को कुचीपुड़ी आता है । मेरी नानी माँ को भी नृत्य करना अच्छा लगता है ।

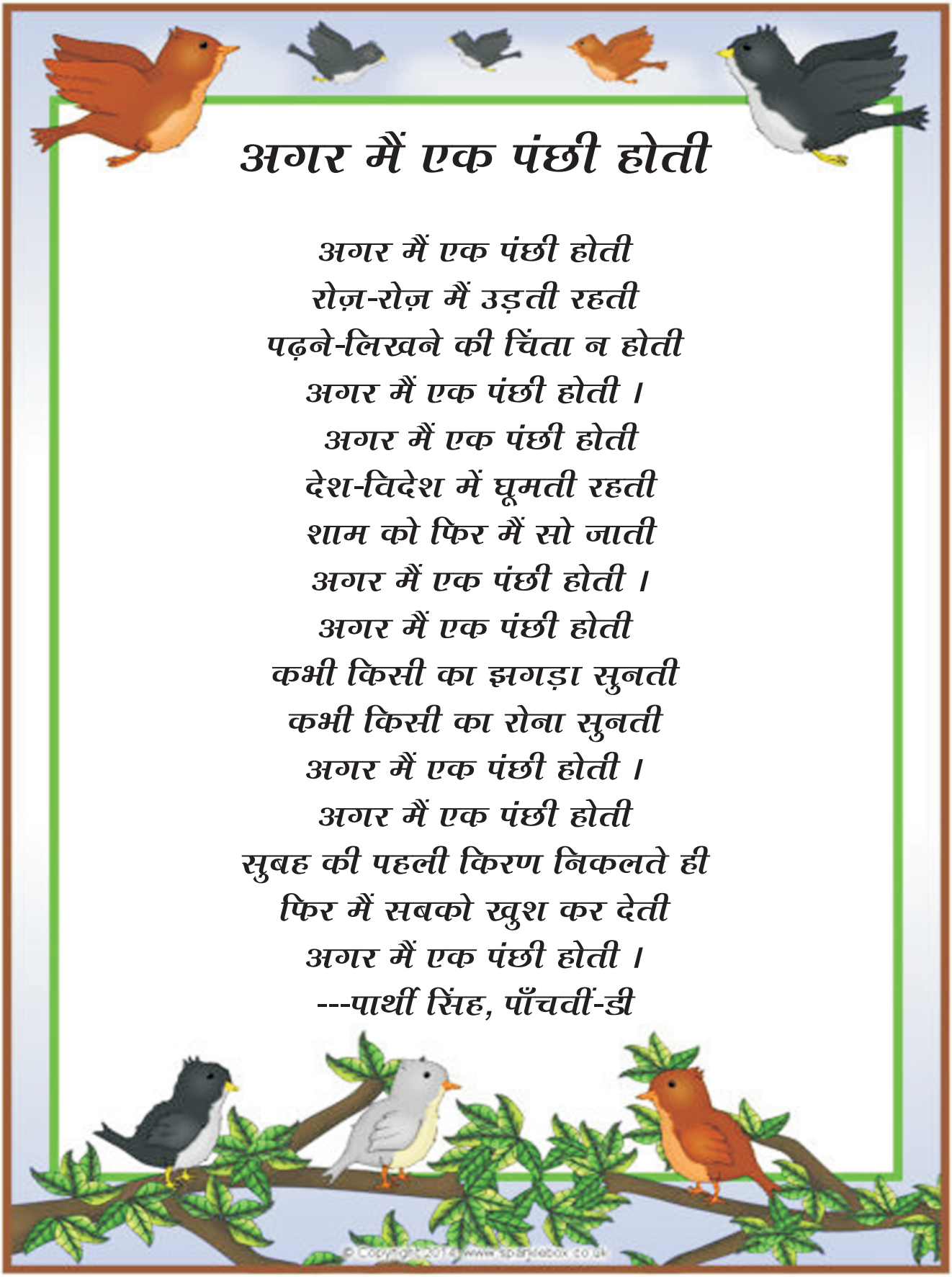
---अक्षिता, पाँचवीं-बी

छुट्टी

पश्चिम बंगाल में शांति निकेतन नाम की एक जगह थी । वहाँ पर विश्वभारती नामक एक हॉस्टल था । वहाँ बहुत बच्चे पढ़ने आते थे । वही पर संजय नामक एक छात्र था । वह अपनी माँ से मिलने के लिए प्रधानाचार्य से दो महीने की छुट्टी चाहता था पर उसे पता था कि प्रधानाचार्य उसे छुट्टी नहीं देने वाले थे । एक रात उसे एक उपाय सूझा । उसने सोचा - कल सुबह जब सब सो रहे होंगे तब वह चुपके से हॉस्टल से भागकर रेलगाड़ी पकड़ लेगा । कल जब सुबह हुई, संजय जाने के लिए तैयार हो गया । वह चलकर रेलवे स्टेशन तक पहुँच गया और रेलगाड़ी पकड़ ली । अचानक से उसे बहुत ज़्यादा बुखार आ गया था । उसकी हालत बहुत खराब हो रही थी तो उसने सोचा कि अगर वो सो जाए तो थोड़ा आराम मिल जाएगा । वो सपना देख रहा था कि अगर उसकी माँ ने उसे देखा तो वह कितनी खुश होगीं और वो सपनों में डूबकर गहरी नींद में सो गया । फिर अचानक एक तेज़ तूफ़ान आने लगा । जो पुल रेलगाड़ी पार करने जा रही थी वो पुल तूफ़ान की वजह से टूट गया और रेलगाड़ी का ब्रेक फेल हो गया था । अब संजय को क्या पता था कि वह उसकी ज़िंदगी की आखिरी यात्रा होगी ? रेलगाड़ी चलती गई-चलती गई और आखिर में वह पुल से नीचे गिर गई । बहुत सारे लोगों के साथ संजय की भी मौत हो गई । किसी ने सच ही कहा है कि हमें हमेशा कोई काम करने से पहले किसी बड़े से ज़रूर पूछ लेना चाहिए ।



---संजना घोष, पाँचवीं-डी



अगर मैं एक पंछी होती

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पढ़ने-लिखने की चिंता न होती
अगर मैं एक पंछी होती ।
अगर मैं एक पंछी होती
देश-विदेश में घूमती रहती
शाम को फिर मैं सो जाती
अगर मैं एक पंछी होती ।
अगर मैं एक पंछी होती
कभी किसी का झगड़ा सुनती
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अगर मैं एक पंछी होती
सुबह की पहली किरण निकलते ही
फिर मैं सबको खुश कर देती
अगर मैं एक पंछी होती ।

---पार्थी सिंह, पाँचवीं-डी

साइकिल की सवारी



एक बार मैं और मेरी बहन हितार्थी साइकिल चलाने गए थे । मेरी बहन ने एक चक्कर काटने के बाद कहा - भैया अब आप एक चक्कर लीजिए । मैंने कहा ठीक है बहन तुम मेरे साथ-साथ चलती रहना । उसने बोला ठीक है । भैया मैं आपके साथ-साथ चलती हूँ । वो मेरे साथ-साथ चल रही थी कि अचानक एक मोटर साइकिल वाला उसे बराबर से मार कर चला गया और मेरी बहन रोने लग गई । भगवान का शुक्र था कि उसे ज़्यादा चोट नहीं लगी । मैंने उसे चुप कराया और समझाया कि हमें वाहन देखकर चलाना चाहिए नहीं तो ऐसी चोटें लगती रहेंगी ।

---हिमांक सिंह, पाँचवीं-डी

यदि यातायात के साधन न होते

आज विश्व एक छोटे-से गाँव की तरह हो गया जहाँ हम एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान तक चंद मिनटों में पहुँच सकते हैं । यातायात के साधनों से हमें कई जगहों पर जाने की सुविधा मिलती है । हम हवाई जहाज से कहीं भी कुछ घंटों में पहुँच जाते हैं । गाड़ी के होने से सफ़र का आनंद लेकर एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर पहुँच जाते हैं । यदि यातायात के साधन न होते, तो शायद आज विश्व जितनी प्रगति कर रहा है, उतनी प्रगति नहीं कर पाता । आज यातायात के साधनों के कारण हमारे देश का चावल दूसरे देशों में जाता है और अरब देशों का कच्चा तेल यहाँ आ जाता है । हवाई जहाज़ में बैठकर दुनिया की सैर करके उनकी संस्कृति को जानना, शायद ही मुमकिन था । पानी के जहाज़ में बैठकर जिन महान लोगों ने भारत जैसे देशों की खोज की थी, वह यातायात के साधनों से ही की थी ।



यातायात पुराने समय में बैलगाड़ियों, ऊँटों, घोड़ों आदि की सहायता से किया जाता था, परंतु आज यह हवाई जहाज़ तक पहुँच गया है । यदि यातायात के साधन न होते, तो यह सब मुमकिन न होता और विश्व उतना प्रगतिशील न होता जितना आज है ।

---आरूषि दत्ता, सातवीं-डी

दोस्तों का महत्त्व

एक विद्यार्थी के जीवन में दोस्तों का बहुत बड़ा महत्त्व होता है । जीवन के इस चरण में हम अपने अधिकतर समय अपने मित्रों के साथ बिताते हैं । अच्छे दोस्तों का साथ होने से जीवन और भी सुंदर और सुखद हो जाता है । वे लोग धन्य होते हैं, जिसके पास सच्चे दोस्त हैं । सच्चे दोस्त हमारे जीवन में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन ला सकते हैं । वे हमारे मार्गदर्शक भी बनते हैं, जिससे हमारा जीवन सफल हो जाता है । कठिनाइयों के समय एक अच्छा दोस्त हमेशा हमारी सहायता करता है । इस बात पर रहीम के दोहे से हमें सच्चे दोस्तों की पहचान होती है -

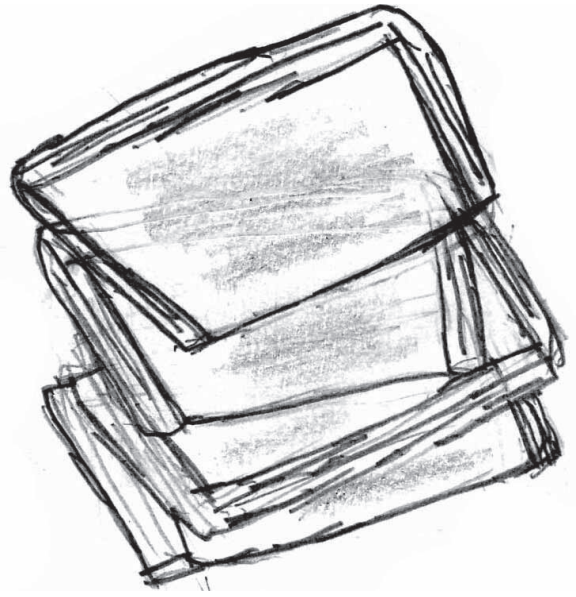


मथत-मथत माखन रहै, दही मही बिलगाय
रहिमन सोई मीत है, भीर परे ठहराय ।।

अर्थात - दही को बार-बार मथने से दही और मक्खन अलग हो जाते हैं । रहीम जी कहते हैं कि सच्चे मित्र दुख आने पर तुरंत सहायता के लिए पहुँच जाते हैं । मित्रता की पहचान दुख में ही होती है ।

---आइरिन जीजो, छठी-डी

विद्या का महत्त्व

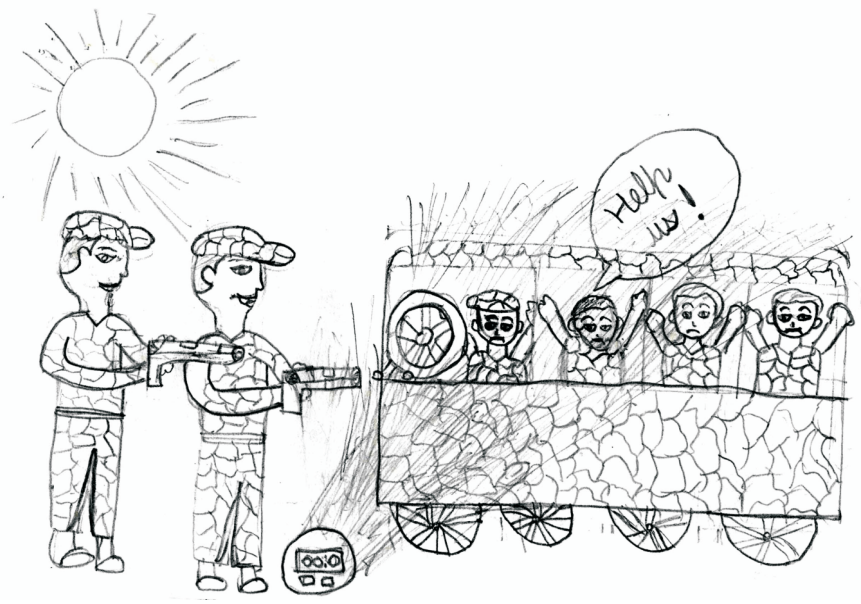


'तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय' अर्थात् अंधकार से मुझे प्रकाश की ओर ले जाओ । यह प्रार्थना भारतीय संस्कृति का मूलमंत्र है । प्रकाश में मनुष्य को सब कुछ दिखाई देता है । यह प्रकाश जीवन में विद्या से प्राप्त होता है । ज्ञान से ही मनुष्य की सुप्त इन्द्रियाँ जागृत होती हैं । छात्र जब पढ़ने के लिए जाता है तब उसका मानसिक स्तर धीरे-धीरे ऊपर उठने लगता है । मनुष्य के जीवन में विद्या सर्वश्रेष्ठ धन है । इस धन को चोर भी चुरा नहीं सकता । इस धन को दान करने पर यह और बढ़ता है । विद्या से विनय, विनय से योग्यता, योग्यता से धन और धन से सब सुख प्राप्त होते हैं ।

---भव्या झा, छठी-डी

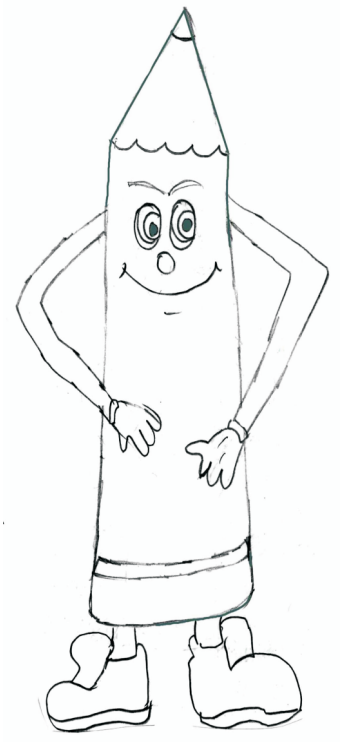
आतंकवाद

'आतंकवाद' यह शब्द सुनकर डर की एक भयावह तस्वीर हमारी आँखों के सामने उभर आती है । उरी व पुलवामा में हुई आतंक की घटनाएँ हर व्यक्ति को स्तब्ध कर देती है । आतंकवाद की बलि चढ़ते हैं - कभी देश वे वीर सैनिक तो कभी देश की आम जनता । आतंकवाद एक ऐसा अजगर है जो धीरे-धीरे संपूर्ण विश्व को निगल कर इसका नाश कर देगा । कुछ उद्देश्यहीन लोग जो सही मार्ग से भटक कर हिंसा की राह पर चल देते हैं, वही आतंकवाद की प्रमुख जड़ हैं । मेरे बाल-मन में भी यह प्रश्न बार-बार उठता है कि आखिर क्यों लोग आतंकवाद की राह को चुनते हैं ? क्या चाहते हैं वो यह सब करके ? ईश्वर ने यह सृष्टि बनाई है । ईश्वर की सर्वश्रेष्ठ रचना है - 'मनुष्य' । 'बुद्धि' जैसी सर्वश्रेष्ठ योग्यता को पाकर उन्नति और कल्याण के मार्ग से इस दुनिया को बहुत सुन्दर बनाया जा सकता है । बड़े दु:ख की बात है कुछ लोग धर्म के नाम पर ऐसी खतरनाक घटनाओं को अंजाम देते हैं । कम उम्र के नवयुवकों को दिशा भ्रमित करके महाविनाश की ओर ले जाया जाता है। किसी भी देश या धर्म में हिंसा का स्थान नहीं है । फिर क्यों इंसान, इंसान के खून का प्यासा है ? क्यों पूरे विश्व में शांति और एकता कायम नहीं होती ? शायद हमसे तो पशु ज़्यादा अच्छे हैं । इसका हल शायद हमें स्वयं निकालना होगा । बच्चे को बचपन से ही सत्य, शांति, अहिंसा व संस्कारों का पाठ पढ़ाना चाहिए ताकि वह बड़ा होकर एक ज़िम्मेदार और ईमानदार नागरिक बन सके । आंतकवाद को फैलाने वाले मुट्ठी भर लोग हैं । यदि सभी देश एक साथ मिलकर इसके खिलाफ खड़े हो जाएँ तो आतंकवाद का पूरे विश्व से सफाया हो जाएगा । मैं बस यह कहना चाहती हूँ -



'आतंक का भय अब ख़त्म
करो, अहिंसा है धर्मों का सार ।
ख़त्म करो हर आंतकी मन को, फैला दो अमन और प्यार ।
प्रेम, अहिंसा और दया से, होता मानव का उपकार ।
बंदूक, बम, हथियार, धमाके, करते मानवता को शर्मसार ।'

---जान्या सिंह, छठी-ए



पेंसिल की आत्मकथा

दूसरों के काम आना मेरी कहानी है । त्याग ही मेरा जीवन है । मैं पहले बहुत लम्बी और सुंदर थी लेकिन अब तो बौनी बन गई हूँ । मेरे माता-पिता जंगल में ही रहते थे । निर्दयी लकड़हारों ने उन्हें काटकर मुझे जन्म दिया । मुझे एक डिब्बे में रखा गया और फिर आँखें खोलने के बाद मुझे पता चला कि मैं किसी बड़ी सी दुकान में थी ।

एक आदमी ने मुझे पहले खरीदा । उन्होंने मुझे उनके घर के एक दराज़ के अंदर रख दिया कुछ दिन बाद उनकी बेटी ने आकर मुझे उठाया तथा स्कूल लेकर गई और मुझे एक नयी मालकिन मिल गयी थी । मैं अपनी ज़िंदगी जीने लगी थी । वो एक चित्रकार थी और मैं उसकी बहुत मदद करती थी । एक - दो बार उसने मुझे इस्तेमाल करके प्रतियोगिता भी जीती थी । मुझे एक ही चीज से डर लगता था शार्पनर । वो बहुत कम शार्पनर का इस्तेमाल करती थी ।

---परी पोरवाल, छठी-सी

चिड़िया घर की सैर

इस बार सर्दी की छुट्टियों में मैं अपने परिवार के साथ चिड़िया घर की सैर करने गई वहाँ सबसे पहले हमने टिकट घर से टिकट खरीदा । फिर हमने टिकट दिखाकर चिड़ियाघर में प्रवेश किया । सबसे पहले सफ़ेद चीता देखा धूप होने के कारण वह धूप में सो रहा था आगे हमने शेर देखा वह पिंजरे में बंद था और उसके छोटे-छोटे बच्चे उसके आस - पास खेल रहे थे फिर हमने घड़ियाल और मगरमच्छ देखे वे पानी के किनारे सो रहे थे । बहुत सारे हिरन बारहसिंघा, और एक हंस भी देखा जिसका रंग दूध जैसा सफ़ेद था । वह सभी को बहुत आकर्षित कर रहा था । उसके बाद हमने भालू देखा वो कभी अपने घर के अंदर जा रहा था तो कभी घर से बाहर आ रहा था फिर अंत में हमने एक बूढ़ा बंदर देखा जिसकी पूँछ बहुत लंबी थी, वह सबको देखकर नकल कर रहा था मेरे भाई ने उसकी तरफ़ जीभ निकाली तो बंदर ने भी जीभ निकाली । हमको वहाँ बहुत मज़ा आया फिर हम घर आ गए । यह सैर हमारी यादगार सैर रही ।



---ईशा गोयल, छठी-सी

पेड़ की आत्मकथा

मैं एक पेड़ हूँ, आज मैं अपने जीवन में बहुत खुश हूँ क्योंकि मैं लोगों को काफ़ी लाभ पहुँचाता हूँ, मैं लोगों को ऑक्सीजन प्रदान करता हूँ और खुद कार्बनडाइ ऑक्साइड ग्रहण करता हूँ फिर भी कभी-कभी लोग मेरे साथ छेड़छाड़ करते हैं, मैं एक सड़क के किनारे पर रहता हूँ लोग अकसर बारिश व धूप से बचने के लिए मेरी छाँव में आकर बैठ जाते हैं तो मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगता हैं, परंतु जब लोग अपने स्वार्थ के लिए मुझे काटते हैं तो मुझे बहुत दुख होता है, मेरे साथ-साथ मेरी टहनियों पर जो पक्षी घोंसला बनाते हैं, उन्हें भी अपने घर खोने का दुख होता है फिर भी मनुष्य अपने लाभ के लिए इस पीड़ा को समझ नहीं पाते हैं परंतु मनुष्य से तो पक्षी अच्छे है जो मेरे मन की पीड़ा को समझ पाते हैं,





जब मनुष्य मुझे जलाने के लिए तैयार हो गया तो मैंने अपने ऊपर घोंसला बनाने वाले पक्षियों से कहा कि तुम यहाँ से कहीं और चले जाओ और अपनी जान बचाओ क्योंकि -

आग लगे इस वृक्ष में,
जलने लगे सब पात ।
तुम क्यों पक्षी जलते हो,
जब पंख तुम्हारे साथ ।
पक्षी बोले -
फल खाए इस वृक्ष के,
बीट लगाए पात ।
यही हमारा धर्म है,
जले इसी के साथ ।

---मयंक, छठी-सी

मेरे माता-पिता महान

माँ की ममता और पिता की क्षमता का अंदाज़ा नहीं लगाया जा सकता ।

शास्त्र कहते हैं कि गुरु वह है जो हमें अंधेरे से उजाला दिखाता है । सबसे पहले वह काम हमारे माता-पिता करते हैं । दुनिया में बहुत से गुरु सद्‌गुरु हैं, परंतु माता-पिता से बड़ा कोई गुरु नहीं है । जैसे-जैसे हम बड़े होते जाते है, हम अपने माता-पिता को भूल जाते हैं । जब हमारे माता-पिता अस्वस्थ और असहाय होते है, तब हमें बोझ लगने लगते हैं, हम यह भूल जाते है कि जब हम छोटे थे तब बीमार हो जाने पर हमारे माता-पिता रात-रात भर जाग कर हमारी देखभाल करते थे, ताकि हम जल्द से जल्द स्वस्थ हो जाएँ । हम अपने माता-पिता की कद्र नहीं करते । जब हम पर कोई कठिनाई आती है तब हम अपने माता-पिता की सहायता लेते हैं परंतु जब हमारे माता-पिता को हमारी सहायता की जरूरत पड़ती है तो हम उनसे मुँह मोड़ लेते हैं । माँ की ममता और प्यार को नापा नहीं जा सकता । पिता का प्यार दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा प्यार होता है । जो माँ की ममता व पिता के प्यार को अपनी ताकत बना लेता है, उसे कोई नहीं हरा सकता है । जैसे माता-पिता घर पर शिक्षा देते हैं वैसे ही अगर कोई गुरु अपने शिष्य को अपनी संतान जैसे शिक्षित करे तो वह गुरु दुनिया का सबसे अच्छा गुरु हो सकता है । सोचिए अगर आपके माता-पिता आपका पालन-पोषण नहीं करते तो क्या आज आप सही तरीके से बोल पाते, चल पाते, अपने जीवन व अपने शरीर की रक्षा कर पाते, अपने पैरों पर खड़े हो पाते ? नहीं । अगर माता-पिता न होते तो हम यह सब चीज़ें कभी भी न कर पाते । हम अपने अच्छे बुरे का ज्ञान प्राप्त नहीं कर पाते । हम सबने एक कहानी तो सुनी ही होगी - श्रवण कुमार के माता-पिता देख नहीं सकते थे और चलने में असमर्थ थे । श्रवण कुमार ने उन्हें उनकी इच्छानुसार तीर्थ-यात्रा अपने कंधों पर उठाकर कराई थी ।



एक पुत्र कुपुत्र हो सकता है परंतु माता-पिता कुमाता व कुपिता कभी भी नहीं हो सकते । अपने माता-पिता से सदा प्रेम करिए, अगर आप अपने माता-पिता को खुश नहीं रख सकते तो आप भगवान को भी खुश नहीं कर सकते ।

माता-पिता ईश्वर का दूसरा रूप होते हैं ।

---श्रेया गुप्ता, सातवीं-डी



मेरे माता-पिता महान

मुझे अच्छी तरह याद है जब मैं अपनी माँ का हाथ पकड़कर वैष्णो देवी के पहाड़ों पर गया था । मुझे अच्छी तरह से वो दिन भी याद है जब मेरे पिता-जी मुझे अपने कंधे पर बैठाकर मेला दिखाने ले गए थे और झूला भी झुलाया था । मेरे माता-पिता मुझसे बहुत प्यार करते हैं । जब मेरी उम्र मात्र दो साल की थी तब उन्होंने मुझे चलना सिखाया था । मेरे हृदय में उनके लिए असीम स्नेह और प्यार भरा हुआ है । मेरी माता जो मेरी जन्मदात्री हैं, उन्होंने मेरा पालन-पोषण किया और मुझे सही रास्ता दिखाया । मेरे पिताजी ने मुझे सही बोलना, खेलना, पढ़ना व लिखना सिखाया । मेरे माता-पिता ही मेरे गुरु हैं उन्होंने मेरा मार्ग दर्शन किया । वे मेरी हर इच्छा पूरी करते हैं । तथा मैं भी उनकी हर आज्ञा का पालन करता हूँ । सुबह उठकर सबसे पहले अपने माता-पिता के चरण-स्पर्श करता हूँ । फिर वे मुझे आशीर्वाद देते हैं । मेरे आदरणीय माता-पिता जो मेरी हर मनोकामना पूरी करते हैं उन्हें मैं हर जन्म में पाना चाहूँगा ।

---लक्ष्य सिंह, सातवीं-डी

आज़ादी का गीत

हम बालक आज़ाद देश के, भारत देश हमारा है ।
खुली हवा में जन्म लिया है, सारा देश हमारा है ।
आसमान से जो ऊँचे हैं, हम बेटे उन राम के,
जिनके पैर चूमती दुनिया, हम बेटे उन श्याम के ।
भीम, युधिष्ठिर, अर्जुन जिनके बड़ों - बड़ों के नाम थे,
दुनिया का सुख देते रहना जिनके ऐसे काम थे ।
हम बालक हैं उसी देश के, देश जान से प्यारा है,
हम बालक आज़ाद देश के, भारत देश हमारा है ।
देश हमारा सबसे सुंदर, फल फूलों का नाम है,
देश हमारा सबसे अच्छा, सभी यहाँ आराम है ।
देश हमारा हमें दुलारा, देता जीवनदान है,
देश हमारा सबसे प्यारा, सबसे अधिक महान है ।
हम इसके बच्चे हैं सच्चे, सबका यही सहारा है,
हम बालक आज़ाद देश के, भारत देश हमारा है ।

कौन रोक सकता है हमको जो भी हमने ठान लिया,
कौन रोक सकता है हमको एक बार जो मान लिया ।
पर्वत से कठोरता सीखें, आसमान से ऊँचापन,
चंदा से हँसना सीखेंगे, लहरों से लेंगे जीवन ।
सदा यहाँ बहती रहती है, गंगा यमुना धारा है,
हम बालक आज़ाद देश के, भारत देश हमारा है ।

---आरोही गुप्ता, आठवीं-डी



Our Support Staff



WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS !

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION











Environment Protection Day was celebrated on 13th July 2018. Protecting our environment has become a major concern. The students of class Nursery recited a poem titled 'Tree' 'How important trees' are'. On this occasion children from Class KG A spoke on the significance of Arbour Day. Students also recited a poem titled 'Our Earth'. The children of Class KG C danced to the tunes of 'Earth we're in it together'. Students were encouraged to keep their surroundings clean and to plant more trees.





SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: HAPPY DUSSEHRA













GURU NANAK JAYANTI









GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents are the strong foundation of a family. They are the greatest treasure trove of a loving legacy, the greatest story tellers and the keepers of traditions. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close to their heart. To honour them, Somerville Preparatory School Greater NOIDA celebrated Grandparents Day on 27th September 2018.

The function started by welcoming the grandparents. Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas and Headmistress, Ms. Shefali Egbert graced the occasion. The students of Classes Nursery and KG sang songs and danced beautifully for their grandparents.

The enthusiastic grandparents as well as their grandchildren made this event a success with their presence.

Our honourable Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas delivered the vote of thanks. It was a success indeed and we were pleased to witness the enthusiasm and love of the grandparents.









INTER SECTION ART COMPETITION





An Inter Section Art Competition was held on 10th July 2018 for Classes Nursery and KG. The children coloured picture of a tree.

The following students won the Art Competition from Class Nursery:

Ist Navya (Nursery C)
IInd Nihaan Srivastava (Nursery D)
IIIrd Ilakshi Dwivedi (Nursery B)
IVth Sharanya Singh (Nursery D)

The following students won the Art Competition from Class KG:

Ist Sasmita (KG B)
IInd Aniket Khanal (KG D)
IIIrd Deeksha Gautam (KG A)
IVth Yashasvi Gupta (KG C)







ORANGE DAY





Colours play a significant role in our lives. They make our life colourful. To give the children recognition of orange colour, a special assembly was conducted on 6th August 2018 at Somerville Preparatory School Greater Noida.

Students of class KG spoke about various orange colour objects using bright orange flash cards. Some important facts were also shared by them. The assembly concluded with an orange colour rhyme which was enjoyed by all.

It was an enriching and joyful learning experience for the students.



BLUE DAY

Colours add meaning and beauty to life. Without colour the world would have been like a blank canvas. So to add more beauty in life, students of class KG D celebrated Blue colour day on 11th September 2018 with great enthusiasm. All the teachers of class KG and the students graced the occasion.

The special assembly began with a prayer. Mishti Singh of class KG D hosted the programme wonderfully. Students shared some interesting facts about the colour blue. They talked about 'Miami blue butterfly', 'Blue Tang fish', sky, earth, water, blue bell flowers and many such blue things.

Blue colour is associated with calmness and stability which was reflected by these kids. Later students presented a song on the colour blue. The assembly was well presented and appreciated by everyone. It was an educative and learning experience for the tiny tots.







GREEN DAY

Green is the colour of life, prosperity and growth. It symbolizes nature, fertility and life. The colour also indicates balance and harmony in life. Green is the colour which brings out the positivity in us and enables us to love and nurture ourselves and others unconditionally. A special assembly was conducted on 11th July 2018 in our Preparatory School to celebrate this day. Speakers from KG B spoke about the importance of different green objects in our environment. These speakers looked beautiful with their green head gears, explaining the green objects with flashcards. A group class presentation in the form of a rhyme was given by the students. The students took part in the class presentation with great zeal. It was an enriching class experience for the children as they learnt about different green coloured objects and their significance.







PINK DAY



Pink Colour Day was celebrated on 4th May 2018 with zeal and zest by class KG-A. Mrs. Shefali Egbert, Headmistress, Somerville School graced the occasion with her presence. The students welcomed the Headmistress with a pink butterfly and flower pin-up. The celebration began with a soulful prayer. The class sang the hymn 'God's love is so wonderful'. The children stated facts about Pink fruits and flowers. They spoke about the Pink flamingoes which get their colour from the bacteria in the water; Pink gemstones called Rhodochrosite; Pink Japanese trees and the Pink Amazon river dolphin. They also spoke about the pink wonders of the world like Petra, the pink city; Pink sand beach on Harbour Island; Lake Hillier in Western Australia. Pink is not just a colour, it's an attitude and is most often associated with charm, politeness, tenderness, sweetness. It was an educative session for everyone. Headmistress, Mrs. Shefali Egbert delivered the vote of thanks.







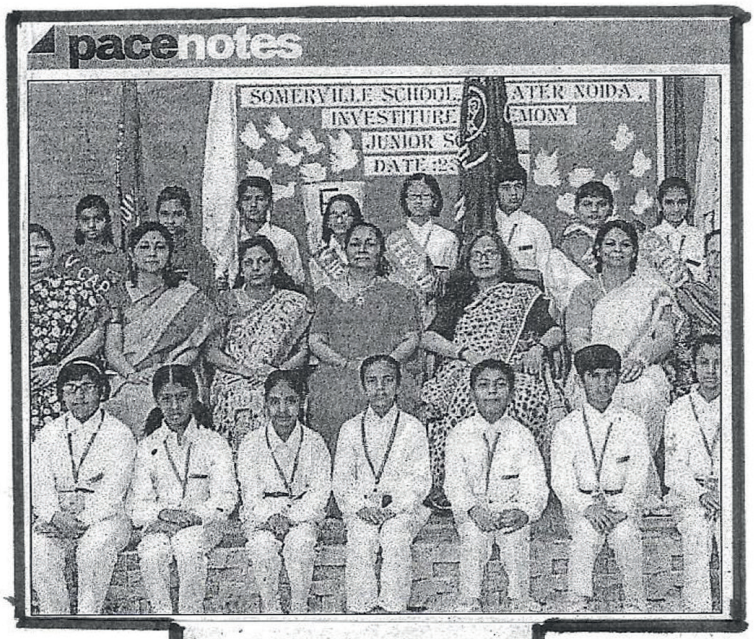


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SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA

The Investiture Ceremony of Somerville School, Greater Noida was held in the school premises. The Investiture Ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly appointed office bearers. Donning the mantle of accountability, the students pledged to dispense their duties to the best of their abilities. The auspicious occasion started with a prayer. The Principal of the school, Dr. Mary Thomas, graced the occasion. The students were conferred with badges and sashes by the Principal. Members of the council took the oath and solemnly affirmed in the name of the Almighty to serve the institution with their heart and soul. This was followed by the march past of the House Contingents. Principal shared her words of wisdom with the new leaders and also exhorted them to uphold the values that Somerville stands for.



SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA

Investiture Ceremony of Somerville School, Greater Noida was held. The programme began with a Prayer followed by a hymn. The new Council Members displayed pride as they took over their responsibilities from the outgoing Council Members. The Head Girl led the new Council Members to take the Oath. Principal Dr. Mary Thomas conferred the badges and sashes to the new Council Members and shared words of wisdom with the students and the Council Members.



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VERONICA SETHI

Class 7A, Somerville School, Greater Noida

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Somerville felicitates toppers of Class 10, 12 board exams

ACHIEVERS HONOURED Principal urges students to remember values they learnt at school



▪ This year the students of Somerville School, Greater Noida, came out with a stellar performance in the board examinations

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI : Somerville School, Greater Noida, organised a felicitation ceremony to honour toppers of Class 10 and 12 CBSE examinations and inspire them to scale greater heights.

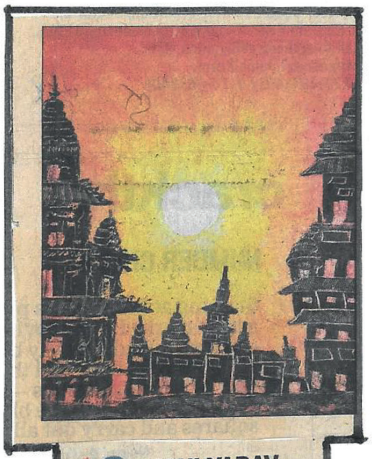
This year the students of Somerville School, Greater Noida, have come out with a stellar performance in the CBSE Class 12 examination. Mallika Bandyopadhyay of the humanities stream scored 99.4% marks and is the topper of the school. She has scored a perfect 100 in English, Political Science and Economics.

Abhas Gahlot of the Science stream has bagged the second position by securing 97.8%, while Raj Lakshmi and Ruby Lovina Ekka of the humanities stream scored 97.4% to share the third position. The second and third positions in the science stream have been secured by Aman Mishra who scored 95.8% and Soumya Ranjan Sahu with 95.6% respectively. The first position in the Commerce stream has been bagged by Charu Chauhan with 91% while the second and third positions have been secured by Shruti Kashyap with 89% and Shaina Jain with 88.8%respectively. The third position in the Humanities stream has been secured by Atoshi Bhattacharya who scored 95.8%. All 124 students who appeared for the examination have secured above 60%.

Tisha Goel of Class 10 scored 97.8% to secure the first position. Kiran Preet Kaur scored 96.6% to secure the second position; she also won the Muivah Award which is awarded to the best all-rounder in Class 10. Ramya Rana scored 95% to secure the third position.

The ceremony began with a hymn by the Western music choir to invoke the blessings of the Almighty. Thereafter Principal Dr Mary Thomas presented the students with mementos and certificates for their meritorious performance. The principal expressed her delight at the success of the students and urged them to always remember the values they have imbibed at Somerville which will help them etch a life embellished with success and advised them to spread peace and harmony wherever they go.

Vice principal Monisha Claudius delivered the vote of thanks. She stressed on the importance of hopes and aspirations and how they are stepping stones on the path to success.



2 **MAHI YADAV**
Class 7 D,
Somerville School, Greater Noida

UNITY DAY

Somerville School, Greater Noida, recently celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day) on the birth anniversary of great freedom fighter and India's first deputy prime minister Sardar Vallabhai Patel. The school organised various activities to sensitise the students about the significance of unity for the integrity and security of the nation. Students participated in those activities with all zeal and they paid a tribute to the Iron Man of India on his birth anniversary. In addition, a pledge ceremony was also organised for the students of Classes 9 to 12 to work for the unity of the nation. A Run for Unity was organised for students of Classes 9 to 12. All the students were shown a documentary on the life and contribution of The Iron Man in unifying India.

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An inter-house march past of the four houses was held

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA, HOLDS ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

Somerville School, Greater Noida, organised its annual sports meet. The guests of honour for the day were Mary George, president, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Thomas T Roy, superintendent and secretary/treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India and D.A Tressler chairperson and director Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India. The event began with a prayer, followed by an inter-house march past of the four houses. A colourful performance by the students of Nursery, Hoola Hoop Drill by Class 5, Kazachok Dance by Class 6, Sha la la dance, Shimmer and Shine and Tip Tap Toe were presented. The Best Drill Display was bagged by Precision Drill. The displays made way for the exciting athletic events which included relays, sack race, obstacle race and flat races. The day ended with encouraging words by principal Dr Mary Thomas.



3 ABHISHEK GUPTA
Class 6, Somerville School, Greater Noida

Somerville School hosts 3-day annual inter-school carnival

EXPRESSIONS 2018 Students took part in debate, music, dance, spellathon, quiz, IT events

HT Correspondent

NEW DELHI: Somerville School, Greater Noida, hosted the annual inter-school carnival Expressions 2018. Students from various schools of Noida and Greater Noida participated in the three-day festival.

The guests of honour at the inaugural ceremony were Mary George, president, Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Thomas T. Roy, superintendent and secretary/treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, D A Tressler, chairperson and director of Somerville Schools and Abraham Mathew, manager, Somerville Schools.

The eminent members set the ball rolling by lighting the inaugural lamp, followed by a hymn presented by the western music choir.

Students from neighbouring schools participated in various activities like debate, vers libre-poetry recitation, western music, Indian music, dance, spellathon, quiz, IT events, art and craft.

The inner quadrangle of the school pulsated with music and a lively audience during music and dance events as the participants enthralled the audience with their mesmerizing performances.

Masterpieces were created in the art and craft room as the contestants made clay models, paintings and Best out of Waste products based on the themes given to them.

The computer wizards gave their best in the IT events. The young spellers of classes 4 and 5 brilliantly contested in the spell bee event while the debaters argued the pros and cons of the topic - The Return of the Gandhian Era is the Need of the Hour.

The students displayed their eloquence in the English poetry recitation event as they recited poems based on the theme of childhood. The rhythmic shloka chanting by the students left the audience spellbound.

The festival concluded with the prize distribution where the overall winner's trophy was bagged by Somerville School, Noida, and the runners up trophy was lifted by Somerville International School, Noida. Principal Dr Mary Thomas gave away the prizes and appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers for making the event a great success.



Principal Dr Mary Thomas gave away the prizes and appreciated the efforts of the students





अजनबी

वह एक बर्फ सी ठंडी रात थी । मैं कार चलाते हुए अपने घर की ओर जा रही थी । उस सुनसान सड़क पर मैं ही अकेली वाहन चलाते हुए जा रही थी, अचानक मेरी नज़र सड़क के किनारे खड़े व्यक्ति पर गई । उस व्यक्ति को देखकर यह पता चल रहा था कि वह किसी वाहन की प्रतीक्षा में खड़ा था । मैंने मानवतावश उसके समीप जाकर अपनी गाड़ी रोकी और उससे विनम्रता से पूछा, 'क्या आप किसी वाहन की प्रतीक्षा में खड़े हैं ? क्या मैं आपको रास्ते में कहीं छोड़ दूँ ?'

उसने कहा आपकी बड़ी मेहरबानी होगी अगर आप मुझे अगले पड़ाव तक छोड़ दें, जिससे मैं कोई दूसरा साधन लेकर अपने गाँव की ओर जा सकूँ । मैंने कहा ठीक है आप बैठ जाएँ, मैं आपको अगले पड़ाव पर छोड़ दूँगी । रास्ते में हम दोनों ने अपना-अपना परिचय दिया उसी दौरान मुझे पता चला कि वह निर्धन परिवार से संबंध रखता है और वह अभी किसी रोज़गार की तलाश में है और बड़ी मुश्किल से उसका गुज़र-बसर चल रहा है । घर में उसके माता-पिता हैं और वह रोज़गार की तलाश में ही शहर आया हुआ था । हम दोनों को बहुत तेज़ भूख लग रही थी । मैंने उससे पूछा कि खाने की कोई जगह है रास्ते में ? उसने कहा हाँ है, आप जहाँ मुझे छोड़िएगा उससे थोड़ी दूर पहले ही एक भोजनालय (ढाबा) है । फिर हमने उस भोजनालय पर गाड़ी रोकी और मैंने उसे खाने के लिए कहा, पहले उसने मना किया पर उसे भी तेज़ भूख लगी हुई थी और मेरे ज़ोर देने पर वह सकुचाते हुए खाने के लिए तैयार हो गया । फिर हमने खाना खाया । हम आगे की ओर बढ़ चले । मैंने उसे अगले पड़ाव पर छोड़ दिया और उसने मुझे धन्यवाद किया फिर मैं अपने घर की ओर चल पड़ी ।

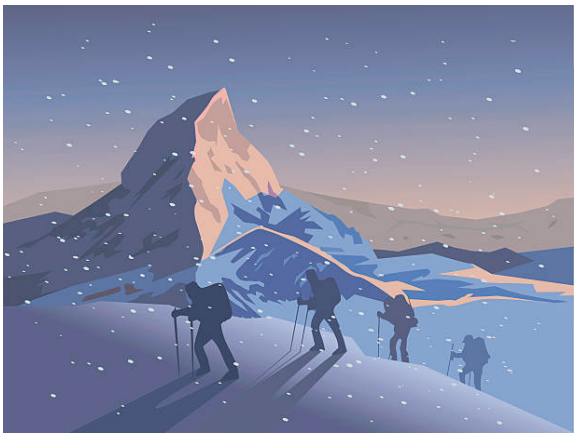
कुछ दिनों बाद मुझे अख़बार में यह पता चला कि जिस आदमी को मैंने उस रात लिफ़्ट दी थी वह एक पेशेवर अपराधी था जो राहगीरों की हत्या करके उन्हें लूट लेता था और वहाँ से फ़रार हो जाता था ।



वह मेरे साथ भी कुछ ऐसा ही करने वाला था पर शायद मेरे अच्छे व्यवहार की वजह से उसने अपना इरादा बदल दिया । इस कहानी से हमें यह सीख मिलती है कि - हमें किसी अंजान या अपरिचित को लिफ्ट नहीं देनी चाहिए पर इसका अर्थ यह नहीं कि हमें अपनी मानवता छोड़ देनी चाहिए । हमें अपना व्यवहार हमेशा विनम्र रखना चाहिए और सबसे विनम्रता से बात करनी चाहिए ।

---अंजुरी सिन्हा, सातवीं-सी

संघर्ष ही जीवन है



जीवन संघर्ष का ही दूसरा नाम है । इस सृष्टि में सभी प्राणी जीवन में संघर्षरत है । जिसने संघर्ष से हार मान ली मानो वो मर गया । सफलता या कामयाबी की चाहत हर किसी को होती है, लेकिन उस सफलता को पाने के लिए किए गए संघर्ष को कोई नहीं देखता है ।

जब संघर्षों की बात की जा रही हो तो फिर एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ते समय आने वाले संघर्षों की बात क्यों ना की जाए ? एवरेस्ट की चढ़ाई अत्यंत कठिन है, उस पर सफलता प्राप्त करने वाली पहली महिला जुंको ताबेई का कहना है - दुनिया के विभिन्न मंचों पर सम्मानित होना अच्छा लगता है, लेकिन संघर्षों से एवरेस्ट की ऊँची चोटी पर कदम रखकर सफलता प्राप्त करने की खुशी की अनुभूति होने की तुलना नहीं की जा सकती । जब हम संघर्ष करते हैं, तभी हमें अपने बल व सामर्थ्य का पता चलता है तथा आगे बढ़ने का आत्मविश्वास मिलता है और हम अपनी मंज़िल तक पंहुँच पाते हैं ।

हमारे पूर्व राष्ट्रपति, माननीय डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम जी, ने कहा है - 'हमारे जीवन में समस्याओं का आना अति आवश्यक है, अन्यथा हम सफलता का सही स्वाद नहीं ले पाएँगें ।'

---आरोही गुप्ता, आठवीं-डी

अच्छा स्वास्थ्य महावरदान

अच्छा स्वास्थ्य हर किसी के लिए ज़रुरी है । जिसके पास अच्छा स्वास्थ्य होता है वह जीवन में सबसे बड़ा धनी व्यक्ति होता हैं, आज हमारे देश में बहुत सारी तरह-तरह की बीमारी फैली हुई हैं, इन बीमारियों से निपटने के लिए बहुत कोशिश की जा रही है । आज हर कोई व्यक्ति बीमार हैं चाहे अमीर हो चाहे वह गरीब हो, कहते है सबसे बड़ी दौलत अच्छा स्वास्थ्य होता है । कुछ लोगों के पास बहुत सारा पैसा होता है लेकिन पैसे होते हुए भी वह अपना स्वास्थ्य ठीक नहीं कर पाते, ऐसे लोगों का पैसा किसी काम का नहीं है ।

अच्छा स्वास्थ्य एक इंसान की सबसे बड़ी दौलत होती है । इंसान को अच्छा स्वास्थ्य बनाए रखने के लिए अपने जीवन में बहुत सारे उपाय करने चाहिए । सुबह उठकर योगा करना चाहिए और टाइम टेबल के अनुसार भोजन करना चाहिए, रात में जल्दी सोना चाहिए, सुबह जल्दी जागना चाहिए, सुबह उठकर सूरज की रोशनी में घूमना चाहिए, व्यायाम करना चाहिए । इससे हमारा स्वास्थ्य ठीक रहता है । अच्छा स्वास्थ्य बहुत बड़ी दौलत से कम नहीं है । किसी भी इंसान के चेहरे को देखकर उसके स्वास्थ्य का पता लग जाता है । जिस इंसान का स्वास्थ्य अच्छा होता है वह हमेशा खुश रहता है, और अपने आस-पास के लोगों को भी खुश रखता है । जबकि जिसका स्वास्थ्य ठीक नहीं होता उसका किसी काम में ठीक से मन नहीं लग पाता । स्वास्थ्य हमारे लिए बहुत अनमोल वरदान है इसलिए हमें हमेशा स्वस्थ रहना चाहिए ।

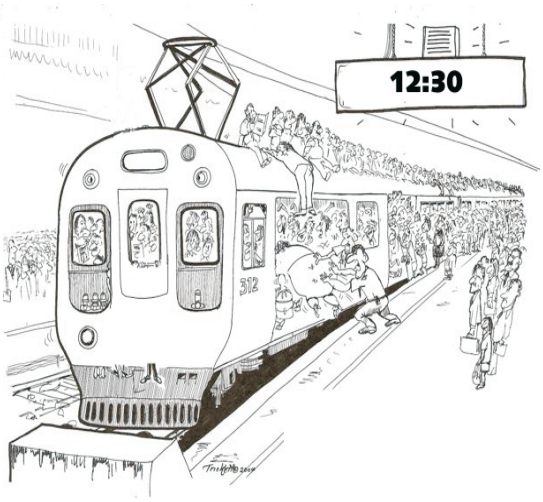


---श्रेया सिंह राणा, आठवीं-सी

प्लेटफार्म का दृश्य

जिस स्थान पर यात्री यात्रा करते समय अपनी रेलगाड़ी पर चढ़ते है, उसे प्लेटफार्म कहते हैं । प्लेटफार्म पर बहुत भीड़ होती हैं । लोग अपनी-अपनी रेलगाड़ियाँ जिनमें उन्हें यात्रा करनी है खोज रहे होते हैं । यात्री अपने सामान तथा बच्चों को रेलगाड़ी में चढ़ा रहे होते हैं । रेलगाड़ी के अंदर भी बहुत भीड़ होती है क्योंकि उसके भीतर छोटे से रास्ते पर चलकर लोग अपनी जगह खोज रहे होते हैं । प्लेटफार्म बहुत बड़ा होता है तथा यहाँ लंबी-लंबी रेलगाड़ियाँ आवाज़ करती हुई तेज़ी से आती-जाती रहती हैं । प्लेटफार्म पर छोटी-छोटी दुकानें यात्रियों की सुविधा हेतु बनी होती हैं । यह दुकानें रेलगाड़ियों की राह देखते यात्रियों की थकान, प्यास तथा भूख मिटा जाती है । प्लेटफार्म पर यात्रियों की सुविधा हेतु शौचालय तथा आराम करने हेतु एक बड़ा कमरा होता है । प्लेटफार्म पर यात्रियों को उनकी रेलगाड़ी के विषय में जानकारी दी जाती है । यह जानकारी रेलगाड़ी के नाम, वह जिस स्टेशन से आ रही है, वह जिस प्लेटफार्म पर आएगी, वह कितने बजे आएगी इस विषय में होती है । यात्रियों को अपने सामान का ध्यान स्वयं रखने को कहा जाता है । यह जानकारी रेल विभाग के अधिकारी यात्रियों तक पहुँचाते हैं । प्लेटफार्म पर लाल कमीज़, काली पैंट तथा सर पर गमछा बाँधें भी कुछ लोग नज़र आते हैं । यह लोग यात्रियों की सुविधा हेतु उनका सामान उनकी रेलगाड़ी तक पैसे लेकर पहुँचाते हैं । इन लोगों को कुली कहते हैं । प्लेटफार्म पर सफाई करते कुछ लोग नज़र आते हैं । यह यात्रियों द्वारा फैलाए गए कूड़े को साफ करते हैं । हमें सावधान करने हेतु प्लेटफार्म पर बोर्ड लगे रहते हैं । इनमें लिखा रहता है - रेल की पटरी के निकट न जाएँ, रेलगाड़ी से दूर रहें, गंदगी न फैलाएँ आदि । हमें इन नियमों का पालन करना चाहिए और एक सुरक्षित यात्रा करनी चाहिए । हमें अपने देश के प्लेटफार्म को स्वच्छ रखना चाहिए ताकि वह सुंदर और स्वच्छ बनें।

---कस्तूरी, आठवीं-बी



किसी ट्रेन के आने के कुछ समय पूर्व से रेलवे स्टेशन बड़ा व्यस्त स्थान बन जाता है । ऐसे समय यहाँ बहुत से लोगों की चहल-पहल दिखाई देने लगती है । चारों ओर तरह-तरह के स्त्री-पुरुष और बच्चे दिखाई देते हैं । प्लेटफार्म पर अनेक यात्री ट्रेन की प्रतीक्षा में बैठे थे । कुछ लोग बेंचों पर बैठ थे । सभी थोड़ी-थोड़ी देर बाद गाड़ी के आने की दिशा में दृष्टि डालकर भरोसा कर लेते थे कि अभी गाड़ी आने में कुछ देर है । कुछ लोग प्लेटफार्म पर इधर से उधर टहलते हुए ट्रेन की बड़ी आतुरता से प्रतीक्षा कर रहे थे । प्लेटफार्म पर थोड़ी-थोड़ी दूर पर दो - तीन कुली बैठे आपस में बातें कर रहे थे । उनमें कुछ सामान लेकर, यात्रियों को लाए थे और अब ट्रेन आने पर उन्हें उनका सामान ट्रेन में चढ़ाना था जबकि कुछ कुली ट्रेन से उतरने वाले यात्रियों के सामान उठाने की प्रतीक्षा में थे । थोड़ी ही देर में दूर सामने से ट्रेन आती दिखाई दी। सारे प्लेटफार्म पर उसी क्षण हलचल मच गई । काफी धक्कम-धक्का और बहस के बाद उतरने वाले लोगों को नीचे उतरने को मिला और एक-एक कर प्रतीक्षारत के यात्री अन्दर जाने लगे ।

---रोज़ी, आठवीं-डी

प्लेट फार्म का दृश्य

प्लेट फार्म का दृश्य,
मनमोहक दृश्य ।
लोग चढ़ते उतरते,
अपनी मंज़िलों तक जाते ।



कोई इधर बुलाता कुली
तो कोई उधर बुलाता कुली
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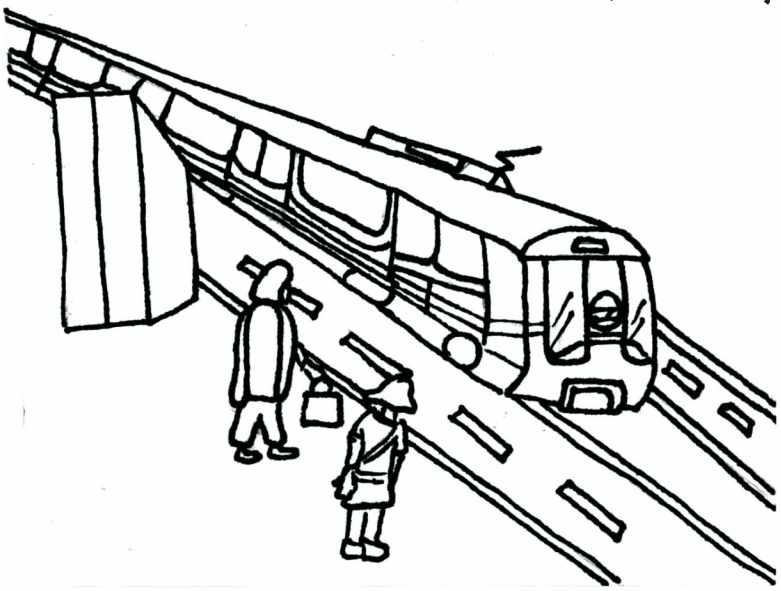
मोटा है या पतला है,
अपना बोझा उठाता है ।
छोटी, मोटी, भारी अटैची,
इधर-उधर, सब जगह है दिखती ।

लोग चढ़ते-उतरते,
अपनी मंज़िलों तक जाते ।
प्लेट फार्म का दृश्य,
अति मनमोहक दृश्य ।
---अवनी चौधरी, आठवीं-ए

कोई हँसता, मुस्कुराता
तो कोई रोता, गुर्राता
कोई अपने बस्तों का बोझा उठाता,
तो कोई मस्ती में मगन होता ।



रंग-बिरंगी रेलगाड़ियाँ
धुआँ छोड़ती आती यहाँ ।
प्लेट फार्म का दृश्य,
मनमोहक दृश्य ।



स्वच्छ भारत अभियान

स्वच्छ भारत का इरादा
कर लिया पक्का हमने
सुंदर वतन बनाने को,
मतवालों की टोली निकली
स्वच्छ चमन बनाने को ।

दिल के सच्चे निर्मल हैं हम
यह दुनिया माने सदियों से,
आओ हम सब निकले अब
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाने को ।

वेद हमारे कहते हैं
कैसे तुम वैभव पाओगे,
बहुत गंदगी मचा रखी है
कैसे स्वच्छता लाओगे ?

अपने घर को दिवाली पर
रंगों से सजाते हो,
जिस धरती पर जन्म लिया है
उस पर गंदगी फैलाते हो ।।

स्वच्छ भारत का इरादा
कर लिया पक्का हमने
पावन अभियान चलाया है,
स्वच्छ भारत को करने
एक मसीहा आया है ।

मातृभूमि को स्वर्ग बनाने को
स्वच्छता का अलख जगाने को
मतवालों की टोली निकली
स्वच्छ चमन बनाने को ।।
---जयति, आठवीं-बी







स्वच्छ भारत अभियान
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है
हम सबको ही मिलकर
सम्भव हर यत्न कर के
कदम यही उठाना है
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है ।।

सब जन होंगे तभी स्वस्थ
सबको यही समझाना है
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है ।।

गंगा माँ के जल को भी
यमुना माँ के जल को भी
मोती जैसे फिर चमकाना है
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है ।

आओ मिलकर करें संकल्प
हो ना मन में कोई विकल्प
गंदगी को दूर भगाना है
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है ।

प्रधानमंत्री की योजना में
सहयोग अपना देना है
भारत को स्वच्छ बनाना है
भारत को ऊँचा उठाना है ।
---अमी मिश्रा, आठवीं-ए

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान भारत सरकार द्वारा चलाये जाने वाला एक राष्ट्रव्यापी सफ़ाई अभियान है जिसकी शुरूआत प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा महात्मा गांधी के 145 वें जन्मदिन के अवसर पर 2 अक्टूबर 2014 को की गई थी । यह अभियान पूरे भारत में सफ़ाई के उद्देश्य को पूरा करने के लिए शुरु किया गया है । प्रधानमंत्री ने लोगों से अपील की है कि वे स्वच्छ भारत मिशन से जुड़े और अन्य लोगों को भी इससे जुड़ने के लिए प्रेरित करें ताकि हमारा देश दुनिया का सबसे अच्छा और स्वच्छ देश बन सके । इस अभियान की शुरुआत स्वयं नरेंद्र मोदी ने सड़क की सफ़ाई करके की थी ।

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान ने बहुत लोगों को प्रेरित किया है और इसके शुभारम्भ पर लगभग 30 लाख स्कूलों और कॉलेजों के छात्रों और सरकारी कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया । शुभारम्भ के दिन प्रधानमंत्री ने नौ हस्तियों के नामों की घोषणा की और उनसे अपने क्षेत्र में सफ़ाई अभियान को बढ़ाने और आम जनता को उससे जुड़ने के लिए प्रेरित करने को कहा । उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि इन हस्तियों को अगले 7 लोगों को इससे जुड़ने के लिए प्रेरित करना है और ये शृंखला तब तक चलेगी जब तक कि पूरे भारत तक इसका संदेश न पहुँच जाए ।

---गुंज़न अग्रवाल, आठवीं-ए

आधुनिक परिवेश में स्वच्छता एक ऐसा विषय बनता जा रहा है जिसकी ओर भारतवासियों की चेतना को आकर्षित करना अनिवार्य है । स्वच्छता का अर्थ होता है - स्वच्छ होने की अवस्था, गुण या भाव । हमारे देश में स्वच्छता के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए हमारे माननीय प्रधानमंत्री, श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने स्वच्छ भारत अभियान महात्मा गांधी के 145 वें जन्मदिन के अवसर पर 2 अक्टूबर को प्रारम्भ किया । यह राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर राजनीति-मुक्त तथा देशभक्ति से प्रेरित है । यह एक स्वच्छ एवं हरे-भरे भारत की परिकल्पना की दृष्टि से प्रांरभ किया गया एक बड़ा आंदोलन है । जिसके तहत भारत को 2019 तक पूर्णतः स्वच्छ बनाना है । इस आभियान का शुभारंभ स्वयं नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने सड़क की सफ़ाई करके की थी । भारत के शहरी विकास तथा पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्रालय के तहत इस अभियान को गाँव तथा शहर दोनों ही क्षेत्रों में प्रांरभ किया गया था । भौतिक, मानसिक, सामाजिक, एवं बौद्धिक कल्याण के लिए भारतवासियों में इस अभियान की अभिज्ञता होना अति आवश्यक है ।

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान के कुछ मुख्य लक्ष्य है : -

- खुले में शौच की प्रवृत्ति पर रोक लगाना
- भारतवासियों की सोच तथा स्वभाव में परिवर्तन लाना ।
- स्वास्थ्यकर साफ़-सफ़ाई की प्रक्रियाओं को अपनाना ।
- अस्वास्थ्यकर शौचालय को पानी से बहाने वाले शौचालयों में बदलना ।



इस अभियान के माध्यम से भारत सरकार वेस्ट मैनेजमेंट की तकनीकों से भारतवासियों को जागरूक करती है । लगभग 1.04 करोड़ घरों को 2.6 लाख सार्वजनिक शौचालय, 2.5 लाख सामुदायिक शौचालय मिले हैं । इस स्वच्छता अभियान ने अनेक लोगों की मृत्यु पर भी रोक लगाई है जो गंदगी-युक्त पर्यावरण से मर जाते थे । साथ-ही-साथ, कई ग्रामीण तथा शहरी लोगों में स्वच्छता के बारे में पर जागरूकता फैली है ।

अब हमारा प्रथम कर्तव्य इस अभियान के तहत स्वच्छता बनाए रखना है और सदैव याद रखना चाहिए कि सफ़ाई द्वारा ही अपने घर में ईश्वर का स्वागत किया जा सकता है ।

---तेजस्वी सूद, आठवीं-सी

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान



स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक राष्ट्रीय स्तरीय अभियान है महात्मा गाँधी जी की 145 वीं जयंती के अवसर पर माननीय प्रधानमंत्री, श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी ने इस अभियान के आरंभ की घोषणा की । स्वच्छ भारत अभियान को पूरा करने के लिए 5 वर्ष तक की अवधि निश्चित की गई है । इस अभियान पर लगभग दो लाख करोड़ रूपए खर्च होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है । इसके अंतर्गत 4041 शहरों को सम्मिलित किया जाएगा । अब समय आ गया है कि हम सवा सौ करोड़ भारतीय अपनी मातृभूमि को स्वच्छ बनाने का प्रण करें । साफ़-सफ़ाई केवल सफ़ाई कर्मचारियों की ज़िम्मेदारी नहीं है हमें यह नज़रिया बदलना होगा, मैं जानती हूँ कि केवल ऐसा एक अभियान बनाने से कुछ नहीं होगा । पुरानी आदतों को बदलने में समय लगता है, यह मुश्किल काम है । साफ़-सफ़ाई को लेकर दुनिया भर में भारत की छवि बदलने के लिए हमारे प्रधानमंत्री जी बहुत गंभीर हैं । इस अभियान के कारण देश भर के बहुत सारे क्षेत्रों में साफ़-सफाई के प्रति जागरुकता फ़ैली है । हमारी भी ज़िम्मेदारी बनती है कि हम इस अभियान से जुड़कर, स्वच्छता को अपनाएँ ।

"स्वच्छ भारत अभियान - एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर"

---निष्ठा सिंह, आठवीं-सी

हरित क्रांति

अधिक उपज देने वाले उन्नत किस्म के बीजों, रासायनिक उर्वरकों के प्रयोगों, सिंचाई के लिए पानी और बिजली की व्यवस्था, कीटनाशक, दवाइयों आदि के विशाल कार्यक्रम को हरित क्रांति कहा जाता है । गांधीजी कहते थे कि भारत गाँवों का देश है । हमारे देश की 80 प्रतिशत से भी अधिक जनता गाँवों में रहती है, जिनका मुख्य पेशा खेती है । इस पर भी समय-समय पर भारत के खाद्यान्नों का बड़े पैमाने पर आयात करना पड़ता है । यह एक बड़ी दुखद स्थिति है ।

इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए हरित क्रांति का सूत्रपात हुआ । इसके प्रणेता हमारे भूतपूर्व प्रधानमंत्री श्री लालबहादुर शास्त्री थे । ज़िन्होंने देश को जय जवान जय किसान का नारा दिया । यह एक प्रकार की कृषि क्रांति है । इसमें कृषि वैज्ञानिकों का विशेष योगदान रहा है । इससे हमारे देश में गेहूँ के प्रति एकड़ उपज में बड़ी वृद्धि हुई है । सरकार हरित क्रांति को सफ़ल बनाने के लिए सतत् प्रयत्नशील है । राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों तथा सहकारी बैंकों के द्वारा किसानों को कम ब्याज पर कर्ज़ की व्यवस्था की गई है । कृषि के काम आने वाली सभी वस्तुओं को रियायती कीमतों पर किसानों को प्रदान किया जा रहा है । नलकूपों के निर्माण में सरकार एक बड़ी धन-राशि अनुदान के रूप में और कर्ज़ के रूप में देती है । देश में बिजली का संकट होते हुए भी सिंचाई के समय निश्चित घंटों तक प्राथमिकता के आधार पर तथा सस्ती दरों पर उन्हें बिजली दी जाती है । मशीनों, यन्त्रों और औज़ारों की खरीद पर कर्ज़ और अनुदान की व्यवस्था की गई है ।



---श्रेया, नवीं-बी

बोर्ड की परीक्षा



बोर्ड हो गए हैं शुरु,
घर में लग गया हैं कर्फ़्यू
बाहर जाने पर लग गई है रोक,
अब मैं मना रहा हूँ शोक ।

जब गणित की किताब खोली,
मानो उठ गई घर से डोली,
ना हुआ एक भी सवाल हल,
सोचा आज नहीं, करुँगा कल ।

आँखें मेरी हो गई भारी,
लो हो गई आज की पढ़ाई सारी,
सोचा सो जाऊँ अब,
कल फिर से शुरु होगी तैयारी ।

सुबह उठा नौ बजे, लगाकर पाँच बजे का अलार्म,
फिर बैठ गया लेकर प्रभु का नाम,
माँ चाय और बिस्कुट लेकर आई,
बोली बेटा पंचानबे प्रतिशत से ऊपर न आए,
तो होगी तेरी जमकर पिटाई ।

गणित छोड़कर आज़ उठा ली विज्ञान की किताब,
इससे अच्छा मैं पी न लूँ तेज़ाब
सर चकराने लगा, दिल घबराने लगा,
बोर्ड के समय कोई नहीं है अपना सगा ।

परीक्षा का दिन आ गया,
सन्नाटा - सा छा गया,
प्रश्न पत्र पढ़ते ही,
मानों अंत निकट आ गया ।

परीक्षा तो जैसे-तैसे हो गई खत्म,
अब अज़ीब - ओ - गरीब है ये सितम,
रिज़ल्ट आने की देर है,
तब तक हम पिंज़रे में फंसे शेर है ।

---ध्रुव राहल, नवीं-ए

Somerville Schools

(Recognized Un-aided Senior Secondary Schools
Administered by : Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India,
5, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi - 110 002)

Celebrate 50 Glorious Years of Service to the Nation's Children

The first Somerville School was established in Daryaganj, New Delhi in April 1968 as a response to the dire need of education among the people of the area. It started with 14 children and 2 teachers under the supervision of the first President of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission in India, Dr. Abner Nelson. From this small beginning sprouted the vision to reach out to other regions of Delhi and the NCR with the gift of education of exemplary standards while providing value based learning to children of all communities. This vision took root and grew into the formidable edifice that is now known as the SOMERVILLE SCHOOLS.

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE was established in 1975 at 26, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi, as Abner Memorial School. It moved its premises to Vasundhara Enclave in July 1995. With a student strength of 2850 and dedicated and experienced award-winning staff, the school continues to scale new heights in academics, sports and cultural activities. The Somerville Social Outreach projects enable the students to connect with the under privileged in society and the school currently supports 29 families suffering from HIV / AIDS with monthly rations.



SOMERVILLE SCHOOL
Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi - 110 096
Tel. No. 011-43034711, 43034722
CBSE Affiliation No. 2730013
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Website : www.somervillevasundhara.in
Principal : Ms. Esther Mani

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, NOIDA was established by the Lott Carey Baptist Mission on 04th May, 1987. At present the strength of the school is 2974. The school boasts of a sprawling campus with smart classes, libraries and football fields and basketball courts, state of the art science and computer laboratories and an auditorium. The Principal, Mrs M. N. Arul Raj, was a recipient of the National Award for Teachers in the year 2012. In collaboration with the Ankur Education project established by the Army, Navy and Air Force Wives Association, 400 underprivileged children study in the school premises after school hours. The school offers its classrooms and buses free of charge to this project.



SOMERVILLE SCHOOL
D - 89, Sector - 22, NOIDA (U.P)
Tel. No. 0120-4214595, 2415050
CBSE Affiliation No. 2130099
Email : ssn@somervillenoida.in
Website : www.somervillenoida.in
Principal : Mrs. M.N. Arul Raj

50 Somerville Schools 1968 -2018

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, GREATER NOIDA is the pioneer school in the city. It was established on 2nd July 1998 with an initial strength of 69 students. Today, this has expanded to 2200 students. With the state of the art facilities and an infrastructure required for a conducive learning environment and an emphasis on balancing the scholastic and co-scholastic activities we have been able to achieve 100% First Divisions in 2018 in the CBSE Class XII Board Results with 99.4% being the highest score obtained. The Principal, Dr. Mary Thomas, was a recipient of the CBSE Teachers' Award 2013 and has held the responsible post of CBSE City Coordinator since 2014.



SOMERVILLE SCHOOL
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Tel. No. 0120-4253666, +91-7042492964
CBSE Affiliation No. 2130546
Email : somervillegn@gmail.com
Website : www.somervillegreaternoida.in
Principal : Dr. Mary Thomas

SOMERVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, the youngest in the Somerville family, was established in the year 2013. The school has been growing at a constant pace and currently has over 700 students on roll. Affiliated to the C.B.S.E. up to Senior Secondary level, SIS provides facilities to study a variety of subjects under the three streams, Science, Commerce and Humanities. The school has state of the art laboratories. The hallmark of the school is the focus on the all-round development of the students, be it scholastics, co-scholastics or sensitising students to the needs of others. The Principal, Mrs. Sujata Chawdhry was a recipient of the State Teachers' Award by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi in the year 2013.

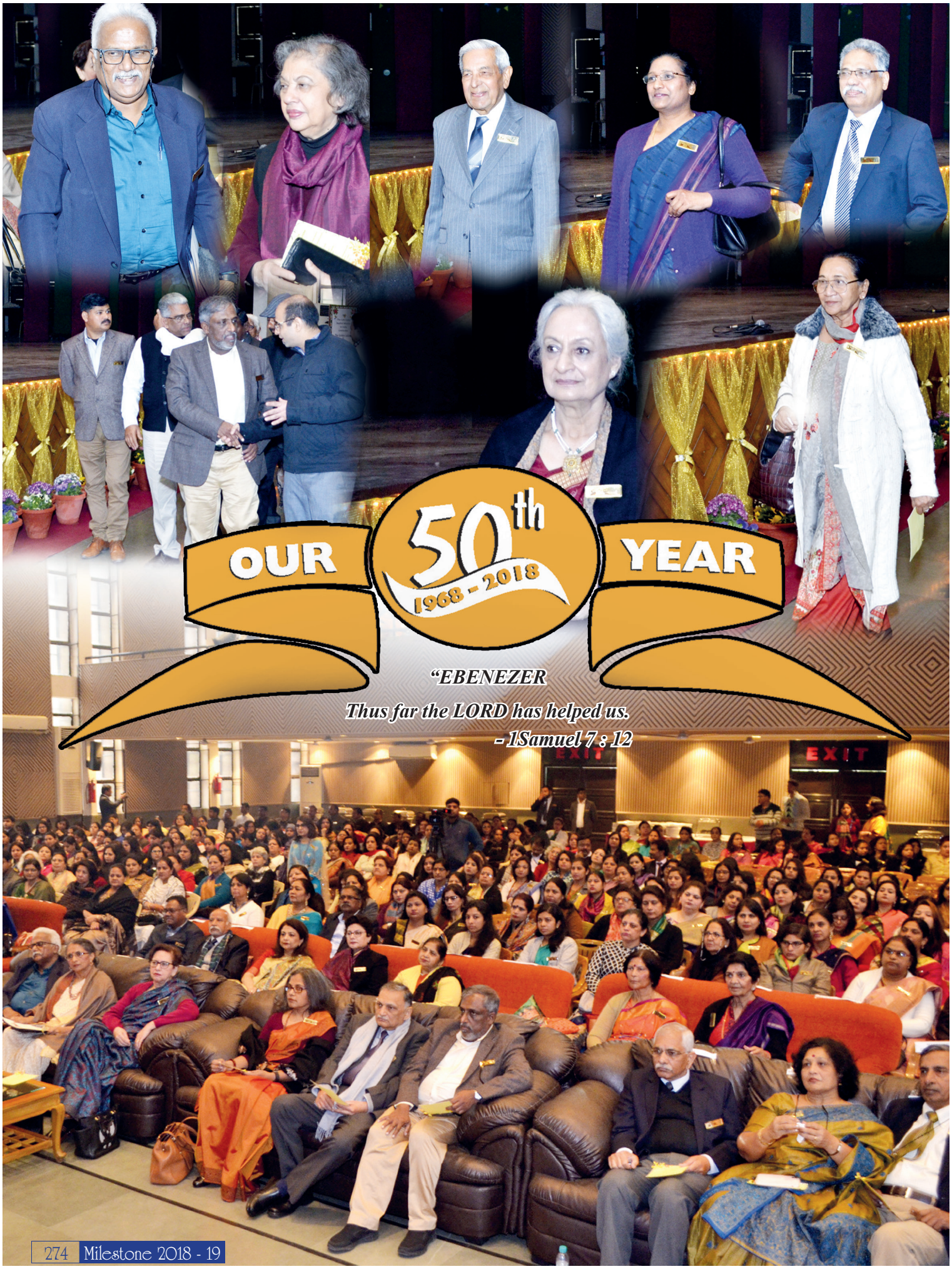


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PARTNERS IN BUILDING OF A HEALTHY NATION

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare conducted Measles – Rubella Vaccination Campaign for the children between the age group of nine months to fifteen years on 15th December in the school premises. The campaign aimed to build up immunity for both measles and rubella and also provides a second opportunity for children who were left out in routine immunization. Parents and students enthusiastically participated in the event and several children were immunized and vaccinated. A team of qualified and experienced doctors was sent by the Ministry for smooth conduct of the campaign. The vaccine was given in the schools of Gautam Buddh Nagar and the importance of vaccination was realized by all. Measles and Rubella are dangerous diseases and can be extremely harmful. These vaccines do not have any side effects. The children were vaccinated by a trained health worker. Everyone participated actively in the campaign, "From small steps, come great beginnings", one needs to move in the right direction to make progress towards achieving better health for each and every child in the country.

















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तिनके की आत्मकथा

मेरा नाम अनुज है, मैं अपनी कहानी सुनाने से पहले बोलना चाहता हूँ कि मैं आस-पास रहता हूँ तो लोगों को साँस लेने में तकलीफ होती है मैं किसी को नुकसान नहीं पहुँचाना चाहता हूँ, पर कोई मुझे पसंद नहीं करता ।

मैं अपने नाम की तरह ही अनुज हूँ । मेरे दोस्तों को बहुत मज़ा आता है- लोगों को परेशान करने में, पर मैं अलग हूँ । मैं लगभग पूरी दुनिया घूमा हूँ, चीन के नूडल्स में गिरा हूँ, रूस की बर्फ में खेला हूँ और यहाँ तक कि मैं तो अमरीका के 50 राज्यों में भी घूमा हूँ। आज मैं आपको मेरा जन्मस्थान बताता हूँ मैं झाँसी के युद्ध में रानी लक्ष्मीबाई की तलवार में से निकला था, मुझे गर्व है कि मैं उस माता का पुत्र हूँ जो रानी लक्ष्मीबाई की रक्षक थीं ।

मैं एक तिनका हूँ, अमर हूँ - मुझे कभी कोई नहीं मार सकता । अपने जीवन में मुझे बहुत कठिनाइयाँ आई, कभी मैं एक नाली में बंद हो जाता और कभी मैं किसी कुत्ते के बालों में गुम हो जाता और एक बार तो मैं एक शेर के मुख में बंद हो गया था । मैं एक कविता सुनाता हूँ -

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तो कभी न घबराना ।।
मेरे अंदर सहन शीलता, कूट-कूट कर है भरी ।
मैंने सबके निर्माण में, सहायता है करी ।।

---पवित्र द्विवेदी, नवीं-सी



आज उस बात को बीते एक सप्ताह हो गया जब मेरा सफ़र शुरु हुआ था । मेरी कहानी की शुरुआत मेरे जीवन के उस पन्ने से हुई जब मैं एक जीवित प्राणी का हिस्सा था । मैं यहाँ से कई मील दूर एक टापू पर अपने भाइयों के साथ रहता था । हम सब नारियल पर खूब खेला करते थे । हवा चलती तो हम सब अजीब-अजीब आवाज़ें निकालते थे । पर एक सुबह जब तेज़ हवाओं ने हमारे घर को गिरा दिया तब हम सब बहुत खुश थे । क्योंकि अब हम नारियल का हिस्सा न होकर एक स्वतंत्र तिनके थे । अब हम सब के अलग होने का वक्त था । अगले ही दिन एक लहर ने हम सब के रास्ते अलग कर दिए थे । जब मैं उठा तब मैंने अपने - आप को एक ऐसी जगह पाया जहाँ से सारा संसार नीला दिखाई दे रहा था पर थोड़ी ही दूर मुझे कुछ अजीब प्राणी दिखाई दिए जो दो पैरों पर चलते और कुछ आवाज़ें निकालते थे। शाम हो रही थी और अंधेरे में देखना मुश्किल हो रहा था तो मैं सो गया । जब मैं उठा तब शायद मेरे सफर का चौथा-पाँचवा दिन था । जब मेरी सहायता की आस लगाए एक छोटा काला जीव मेरी ओर देख रहा था । जब मैं उसके पास गया तो वह न कुछ बोले मुझ पर सवार हो गया । मैंने भी मना न किया । मैंने उसे एक किनारे छोड़ दिया । जिस नदी में मैं बहता जा रहा था । वहीं एक झरना था न मैंने ऐसा झरना कभी देखा था न सुना था । तो मैं बिना रूके आगे बढ़ता गया। झरने का झूला झूलकर मैं एक ऐसी जगह पहुँचा जहाँ पर उस नदी में काला और बदबूदार पानी आकर मिल रहा था । वह मुझसे सहन न हुआ और मैं वही बेहोश हो गया । दो दिन बाद जब मेरी आँख खुली तब मैं एक जाली दार चीज़ में था जहाँ कूड़ा भी था । कुछ देर बाद जब मैं सूख गया तो मैं समझ गया कि अब मेरा अंत निकट है । यह थी मेरी आत्मकथा.... ।

मेरी जुबानी....

---रिया जैन, नवीं-ए

तिनके की आत्मकथा



नमस्ते, मैं एक तिनका हूँ । कुछ दिनों पहले मैं एक पेड़ के नीचे गिरा हुआ था तभी एक नन्हीं सी गौरैया ने आकर मुझे उठा लिया और अपने साथ लेकर उड़ने लगी । एक पल के लिए मुझे थोड़ा सा डर लगा पर बाद में मुझे पता लगा कि वो मुझे घोंसला बनाने के लिये ले जा रही थी । मुझे बहुत प्रसन्नता हुई क्योंकि वहाँ मुझे मेरे अन्य तिनके मित्र भी मिलेंगें । मेरा अंदाजा सही था । उसने मुझे ले जाकर अपने घोंसले में लगा दिया, जहाँ मैं बहुत खुश था । वहाँ मैं रोज़ उस गौरेया की दिनचर्या देखता था और अपने मित्रों से बातें करता था । वह गौरैया रोज़ सुबह जाकर अपने बच्चों के लिये दाने लेकर आ जाती थी और अपने बच्चों को खिलाती थी । अरे ! यह क्या हुआ, एक दिन अचानक कुछ लोगों ने उस पेड़ को काट डाला जिस पर मैं था, बेचारी गौरैया का पूरा घोंसला टूट गया और सारे तिनके इधर-उधर बिखर गये । मैं भी अपने मित्रों से दूर हो गया था और उठते-उठते सोच रहा था - कैसे बुरे लोग हैं यहाँ, उन लोगों के कारण बेचारी गौरैया का घोंसला टूट गया, अब वह अपने बच्चों को कहाँ रखेगी ? मैं भी तो अपने मित्रों से दूर आ गया था । काश ! कोई ऐसी जगह होती, जहाँ लोग हम तिनकों की भी कद्र करते ।

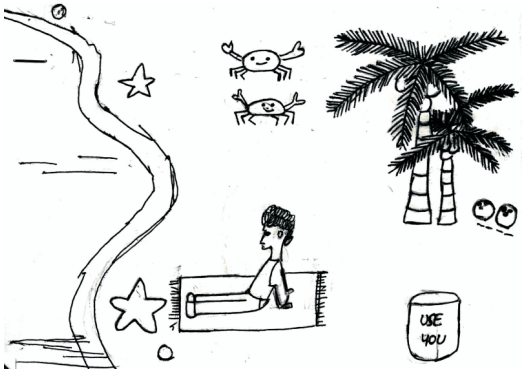
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मैं तिनका हूँ... ।

मैं लाखों मील दूर से उड़ते-उड़ते यहाँ तक पहुँचा । जब हवा का पहला झोंका आया तो मैं थोड़ा डर गया था, फिर धीरे-धीरे आसमान में उड़ता, नदी के शीतल पानी से खेलता हुआ, धरती को छूता हुआ मैं एक सरसों खेत में आ पहुँचा । अब मैं पहले से ज़्यादा खुश था । मेरे लिए यह दुनिया बहुत बड़ी थी । मैं अब और उड़ना चाहता था । पूरी दुनिया की सैर करना चाहता था । मैं कुछ देर शांति से पड़ा रहा और मन-ही-मन सोचता रहा कि अब मुझे हवा कहाँ ले जाएगी ? अचानक तेज़ हवा चली और मुझे उड़ाकर ले गई । तब मौसम खराब था । तेज़ हवा के कारण मैं उड़ता ही जा रहा था जब बारिश आनी शुरु हुई तब पर एक बड़ी-सी पानी की बूँद टपकी और मैं बुरी तरह नीचे गिर गया । फिर मैं एक ऐसी जगह आया जहाँ बहुत धुँआ था । इस तरह मेरे तीन दिन बीते । लेकिन बारिश के बाद मौसम ठंडा और साफ़ हो गया था । मैं थोड़ा- घबरा गया था । कल मैं उड़कर एक समुद्र के किनारे आ गया था । बुरे दिनों के बाद अब सब कुछ स्वर्ग के समान प्रतीत हो रहा है। यहाँ पर हरियाली भी है । बहुत लोग हैं । अब मैं यहाँ से कहीं और नहीं जाना चाहता ।

---आयुषी शर्मा, नवीं-सी,

समुद्र के किनारे बिताई एक शाम



समुद्र विराट और एक आलीशान तत्व है प्रकृति का जिसके किनारे समय व्यतीत करने से प्रकृति की सुंदरता और विराटता का बोध होता है। पहले माह जब मैं अपने परिवार सहित भारत के निचले भाग में समुद्र के किनारे स्थित कन्याकुमारी गया था। वहाँ की सुंदरता ने मुझे भाव विभोर कर लिया। सुबह 7 बजे हम होटल से निकले और 4 बजे वहाँ पहुँचे। मौसम एकदम शीतल व सुहावना था और समुद्र की तरंगे अपनी चंचलता से सबको आकर्षित कर रही थीं। हमने नारियल पानी खरीदा और वहाँ चाचा जी ने अपना कैमरा निकाला और उसमें कुछ सुनहरे पल कैद किए।

मेरी नज़र एक पुल पर पड़ी। मैं आश्चर्यचकित रह गया यह देखकर कि भला पानी पर पत्थर कैसे तैर सकते हैं। तब पिताजी ने यह बताया कि ऐसा माना जाता है कि जब श्रीराम व वानर सेना को लंका जाकर माता सीता को रावण के चंगुल से छुड़ाना था तब वहाँ पहुँचने के लिए यह पुल बनाया गया था।

फिर मैं अपने भाई-बहनों के साथ खेलने लगा। हमने खूब मस्ती की और वहाँ बहुत घूमे। लेकिन हमें समुद्र के अति निकट जाने से मना किया गया था। लेकिन एक चीज़ मुझे बिलकुल अच्छी नहीं लगी - हमें पुल पर जाने से मना किया गया था। वहाँ ज़्यादा कीट-पतंगे नहीं थे परंतु केकड़े बहुतायत में थे। मुझे उनसे डर नहीं लग रहा था क्योंकि वे चुपचाप अपने कार्य में मग्न थे।

अब शाम के सात बज चुके थे और सूरज ढल चुका था। हमने वहाँ के होटल में खाना खाया फिर प्रस्थान किया। ये सारी बातें मैंने अपनी डायरी में लिखी पंरतु वो पल मुझे बरसों याद रहेंगे।

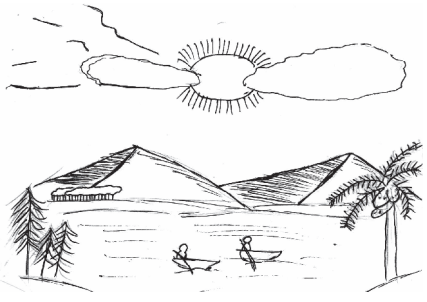
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ढलते सूरज की धुँधली रोशनी में समुद्र के किनारे एक शाम बिताना दुनिया के अनोखे अनुभवों में से एक है। समुद्र की शांति और सूरज की रोशनी देखना अत्यंत सुंदर दृश्य है।

मैंने भी इसे महसूस किया है। शहर की भाग-दौड़ में खुद को लोग अकसर पीछे छोड़ देते हैं। इस भागती दुनिया में अपने-आप से बातें करने का समय किसी के पास नहीं।

मैं अपनी रोज़मर्रा की ज़िंदगी से बहुत परेशान थी। दफ़्तर से घर लौटते समय अपनी ज़िंदगी को कोस रही थी। चलते-चलते एक लहर समुद्र के किनारे आई और पानी की छींटें मुझ पर आई मानो मुझे पुचकारने और समझाने के लिए अपने पास बुला रही हो। जब मैं समुद्र के किनारे पहुँची तो मन बच्चा सा हो गया। बिना सोचे-समझे मैं इधर भागने लगी, चिल्लाने लगी और एक-दम से रेत पर लेट गई। एकाएक बचपन की सारी यादें ताज़ा हो गई।

लहरों की आवाज़, चिड़ियों का चहकना, ढ़लता सूरज जीवन की खुशहाली का अहसास कराता है। उस दिन मैंने सोचा कि



कठिनाइयाँ सिर्फ़ मनुष्य की दुर्बलता नहीं, सबलता जताती हैं। उस दिन मैंने सीखा कि जीवन आसान नहीं है परंतु असंभव भी नहीं। प्रयास में अगर कमी नहीं है तो एक दिन फल भी ज़रूर मिलेगा। उस दिन समुद्र ने मुझे निरंतर कोशिश करना सिखाया और नई ऊर्जा से नए दिन का स्वागत कर उसको पूर्ण तरीके से जीना व निरंतर मेहनत करना भी सिखाया। उस दिन जीवन का एक महत्त्वपूर्ण पाठ मुझे समझ आया।

---सान्या पांडे, नवीं-सी

सत्यमेव जयते

सत्यमेव जयते भारत का राष्ट्रीय आदर्श वाक्य है, जिसका अर्थ है - सत्य की सदैव ही विजय होती है । यह भारत के राष्ट्रीय प्रतीक के नीचे देवनागरी लिपि में अंकित है । सत्यमेव जयते को राष्ट्रपटल पर लाने और उसका प्रचार करने में पंडित मदनमोहन मालवीय की महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही थी । यह प्रतीक उत्तर भारतीय राज्य उत्तर प्रदेश में वाराणसी के निकट सारनाथ में 250 ई. पू. में सम्राट अशोक द्वारा बनवाये गए सिंह स्तम्भ के शिखर से लिया गया है, लेकिन उसमें यह आदर्श वाक्य नहीं है । सत्यमेव जयते मूलतः मुण्डक - उपनिषद का सर्वज्ञात मंत्र है ।

सत्य एक बेहद सात्विक किंतु जटिल शब्द है । ढाई अक्षरों से निर्मित यह शब्द बहुत सरल, लेकिन इस पर चलना बहुत ही कठिन है । गाँधी ने कहा था कि - सत्य ही ईश्वर है और ईश्वर ही सत्य है । यह वाक्य ज्ञान, कर्म एवं भक्ति के योग की त्रिवेणी है । सत्य की अनुभूति अगर ज्ञान योग हो तो वास्तविक जीवन में उतारना कर्म योग एवं अन्ततः सत्यरूपी सागर में डूबकर इसका रसास्वादन लेना ही भक्ति योग है ।

सत्य का विपरीत असत्य है । सत्य अगर धर्म है तो असत्य अधर्म का प्रतीक है । भारत सरकार के राजकीय चिन्ह अशोक चक्र के नीचे लिखा सत्यमेव जयते शासन एवं प्रशासन की शुचिता का प्रतीक है । यह हर भारतीय को एहसास दिलाता है कि सत्य हमारे लिए एक तथ्य नहीं वरन् हमारी संस्कृति का सार है साहित्य, फिल्म एवं लोक विधाओं में भी अन्ततः सत्य की विजय का ही उद्घोष होता है ।



---मानसी मोदी, दसवीं-ए

आज का युग दिखावे का युग है । मनुष्य का जीवन असत्य के बिना अपूर्ण है । रंग- रूप और यहाँ तक कि समाज सेवा करने का दिखावा किया जाता है । सत्य का जीवन तो जैसे सब भूल ही गए हो । सत्य प्रकृति का नियम है । भाषा में ही नहीं परंतु मनुष्य को अपने व्यवहार भी सत्य रखना चाहिए ।

सत्य भले ही कितना ही कड़वा क्यों न हो परंतु जब कहा जाता है तो आत्मा सुखी हो जाती है, मन हल्का हो जाता है । ऐसा लगता है जैसे सिर से एक भारी-बोझ उतर गया हो । परिणाम कुछ भी हो परंतु असत्य के भार को लेकर जीने से कई गुना लाभदायक है । वो कहा जाता है न कि एक झूठ को छिपाने के लिए सौ और झूठ बोलने पड़ते हैं और इसी में जीवन निकल जाता है ।

कोई कितना ही झूठ क्यों न बोले परंतु अंत में जीत सदैव सत्य की ही होती है । सत्यमेव जयते । सत्य बहुत बलवान होता है। हर दिखावे, हर अंधविश्वास को सत्य ही तोड़ता है । सत्य कहना अच्छी बात है परंतु हमें इस बात की समझ होनी चाहिए कि इस सत्य से किसी को हानि न पहुँचे और वह ऐसा कार्य कर बैठे जिसके ज़िम्मेदार आप हो ।

सत्य का सदैव आदर करें और सत्य के मार्ग पर चलें परंतु सतर्कता के साथ क्योंकि सत्य की ही जय है और सत्य ही विजय है । सत्यमेव जयते ।

---सृष्टि रॉय, दसवीं-बी

सत्यमेव जयते


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सत्यमेव जयते अर्थात सत्य की सदैव ही विजय होती हैं । ढाई अक्षर का यह शब्द सत्य जितना सरल प्रतीत होता है इसके मार्ग पर चलना उतना ही कठिन है । सत्य की राह पर चलने वालों को अत्यंत कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है, परिस्थितियाँ बिल्कुल विकराल हो जाती हैं, पर अंत में विजय सत्य की होती है ।

हमारे जीवन की परिस्थितियाँ हमें मजबूर कर देती हैं कि हम झूठ बोलें, एक दूसरे को धोखा दे पर हमें यह बात सदैव याद रखनी चाहिए कि झूठ के रास्ते पर चलने वालों का कभी भला नहीं हुआ हैं, सत्य के रास्ते पर जो भी चला है, उसका भविष्य स्वर्णिम रहा है । चाहे वह बात रामायण की हो या महाभारत की । सत्य के समक्ष झूठ, छल, कपट कभी भी नहीं टिक पाएँ हैं । सत्य के मार्ग पर कुछ ही लोग चलते हैं । क्योंकि सत्य के मार्ग में आने वाली कठिनाइयों का सामना कुछ, ही लोग कर पाते हैं । इसलिए हमें इस बात पर विश्वास करना चाहिए कि चाहे पूरी दुनिया हमारे विरूद्ध क्यों न हो जाए, अगर हम सत्य के साथ हैं तो जीत हमारी ही होगी ।

---माल्या सिंह, दसवीं-सी

जीवन की उलझनों का हल : पर्यटन

पर्यटन अर्थात भू-भाग में किया जानेवाला भ्रमण एक बहुत ही सुंदर अनुभव है । जीवन का असली आनंद पर्यटन में ही है। आनंद प्राप्ति के लिए, जिज्ञासा पूर्ति के लिए तथा रोज़ाना की थका देने वाली चिंताओं को दूर करने के लिए पर्यटन बहुत आवश्यक है । ऐसे पर्यटन में सुख ही सुख है । जो व्यक्ति जितना पर्यटन करता है, उतनी देर तक वह आनंदमय जीवन जीता है । पर्यटन का दूसरा लाभ है - देश-विदेश की जानकारी । इससे हमारा दिमाग समृद्ध होता है । पुस्तकीय ज्ञान उतना प्रभावी नहीं होता जितना कि प्रत्यक्ष ज्ञान होता है । पर्यटन से हमें देश-विदेश के खान-पान, रहन-सहन तथा सभ्यता-संस्कृति की जानकारी मिलती है। पर्यटन हमें नई संस्कृति का पता लगाने, नए लोगों से मिलने और विभिन्न स्थानों पर मज़ेदार और साहसिक कार्य करने का अवसर प्रदान करता है । पर्यटन देश की आर्थिक प्रगति में भी मदद करता है, और रोज़गार भी पैदा करता है । यह दुनिया की सुंदरता की खोज़ करने की सुविधा देता है । राष्ट्रीय एकता बढ़ाने में भी पर्यटन का बहुत बड़ा योगदान है । अतः जीवन की सारी उलझनों का हल, पर्यटन ही है ।



---मानसी पाण्डेय, दसवीं-सी

दहेज़ के ख़िलाफ़ जरूरी है जंग



दहेज के नाम पर लगा रहे हैं
लड़कों की बोलियाँ,
लड़कियों के अरमानों से खेली
जा रही हैं होलियाँ ।
दहेज लेना मना हैं,
फिर भी क्यों उसका
राज अभी भी बना है
ले- लेकर कर दिया है
लड़कीवालों को परेशान,
तब भी क्यों नहीं टूटता उन
दहेज लोभियों का अभिमान ।

कीमती माना जाता है धन को,
पर नहीं समझते हैं
कि अनमोल है दुल्हन तो ।
तारों की खोज़ में,
न रहता चाँद का ध्यान ।
न मिले दहेज तो,
क्यों दुल्हन का कोई
नहीं करता सम्मान ।

सरकार को कोसना हैं बड़ा आसान,
कानून है दोषी न कि कोई इंसान ।
ऐसी सोच क्यों पलती हैं लोगों के मन में
क्यों नहीं समझते कि असली ताकत
तो होती है सामान्य जन में ।

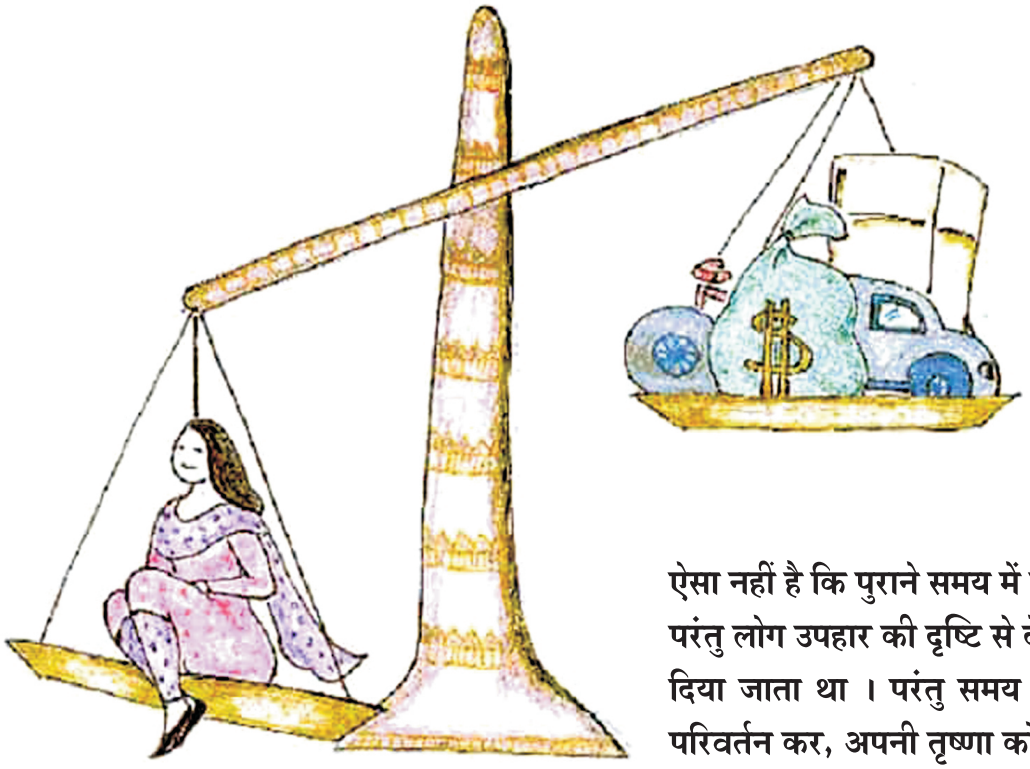
इसके ख़िलाफ़ आवाज़ उठाना
बनता जा रही है जरूरी,
ताकि अब न बने यह प्रथा
किसी की मज़बूरी ।
दहेज के ख़िलाफ इस जंग का
अब करना होगा ऐलान,
अब बहुत हुआ बनना अनजान ।

बंद हो संविधान का चीर हरण,
अब बहुत हुआ भ्रष्टाचार का अनुसरण,
अब कदम हमें बढ़ाना होगा,
हर किसी को यह समझाना होगा,
तारों की तलाश में चाँद न खोना,
बेटी के आगे फ़ीका है सोना ।

-जागृति, दसवीं-डी

दहेज़ के खिलाफ़ जरूरी है जंग

भारत में सदियों से कई रीति-रिवाज़ चले आ रहे हैं परंतु आज इनमें मानव ने अपनी स्वार्थ-सिद्धि हेतु कई परिवर्तन कर दिए हैं । आज हमारा भारत प्रगति के पथ पर अग्रसर है । हम निरंतर एक प्रगतिशील एवं आधुनिक भारत की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं, परंतु आज भी हम कई ऐसी विकराल समस्याओं का सामना कर रहे हैं जो हमारे प्रगति की राह में बाधा बन रही हैं ।
उनमें से एक प्रमुख समस्या है दहेज प्रथा । दहेज भारत में सदियों से चली आ रही है परंतु फ़र्क सिर्फ़ इतना है कि पहले इसे उपहार की दृष्टि से देखा जाता था किंतु अब इसे लालच भरी दृष्टि से देखा जाता है ।



आज दहेज़ एक विकराल समस्या बन चुकी है । आज के युग में शादियाँ वर-वधू की उपलब्धियाँ देखकर नहीं अपितु दहेज की मात्रा देखकर की जाती है । इसका प्रमुख कारण है लोगों में बढ़ती धन की लालसा । इसी तृष्णा ने दहेज जैसी कुरीति को जन्म दिया है ।

ऐसा नहीं है कि पुराने समय में दहेज-प्रथा नहीं थी, वह थी परंतु लोग उपहार की दृष्टि से देखते थे ओर उसे स्वेच्छा से दिया जाता था । परंतु समय बीतने के साथ लोग इसमें परिवर्तन कर, अपनी तृष्णा को शांत करने के लिए इसका प्रयोग कर रहे हैं ।

इसी कारण से बहुओं के खिलाफ़ अपराध बढ़ रहे हैं । उन्हें मारना-पीटना, जान से मार डालने की धमकियाँ देना, उन्हें प्रताड़ित करना आम बात हो गई है ।
जो परिवार दहेज देने में सक्षम हैं, वे दहेज देकर अपनी जिम्मेदारी से पीछे हट जाते हैं परंतु जो देने में असमर्थ हैं उन्हें अनेक परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ता है । उन्हें अनेक तरीकों से प्रताड़ित, किया जाता है और मज़बूर किया जाता है ।
उन्हें विवश होकर दहेज देना पड़ता है जिससे उनकी सारी पूँजी संपत्ति समाप्त तो हो ही जाती है, साथ ही वे जीवन भर ऋण के तले दब जाते हैं परंतु तब भी उन परिवारों की तृष्णा समाप्त नहीं होती और वे अधिक की आशा करने लगते हैं ।
सरकार ने इसके लिए कानून तो बना दिया परंतु ज़रूरत है उसे व्यवहारिक जीवन में लाने की ।
अब शिक्षित वर्ग को भी दहेज़ का त्याग कर मिसाल पेश करनी चाहिए तथा हम सब को मिलकर इसके खिलाफ़ जंग का शुभारंभ करना होगा तभी हम इसे हरा पाएँगे ।

---स्पृहा उपाध्याय, दसवीं-बी

दहेज़ के खिलाफ़ ज़रूरी है जंग

वो हाथ एक दिन थर-थर काँपेंगे
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वो मस्तिष्क दर्द से फट जाएँगें
ज़िन्होंने दहेज़ लिया शादी पर ।

जिन नयनों ने सपने बुने,
एक खुशहाल जीवन के
आज उन्हीं नयनों ने मोती बरसाए
बरसाए ज़िन्होंने लुटते देखे अपने
नारी कोई बोझ नहीं
यह क्यों नहीं समझते ।
क्यूँ इस सुमन सी नारी
को दहेज़ से हो तोलते ।

ये नारी रुप धरेगी दुर्गा का जब
क्या होगा अंदाज़ा नारी शक्ति का तब ?
भले ही न शक्तिशाली वो तन से
पर सबसे बलशाली है वो मन से ।

संभलकर !
उसे इतना मत सताना कि
उसके सब्र का बाँध टूट जाए
उसे इतना भी ना रुलाना कि
आप उसके गुस्से के
समुंदर में ही डूब जाएँ ।

दहेज़ के खिलाफ ज़रुरी है जंग
नहीं है नारी किसी से भी कम
नहीं रख पाओगे बंद पिंजरे में उसको
अभी भरनी है लंबी उड़ान उसको ।
---जिनिया गोयल, दसवीं-डी



भारत जैसे स्वतंत्र देश में हमारी औरतें और बेटियाँ आज भी सुरक्षित महसूस नहीं करती । बलात्कार, घरेलू, उत्पीड़न, मज़दूरी आदि समस्याओं ने महिलाओं को जीने नहीं दिया, आगे बढ़ने नहीं दिया है । इन सभी समस्याओं में से दहेज़ लेना या दहेज़ देना एक बड़ी परेशानी हैं ।

एक लड़की के माँ-बाप दुनिया में उसके लिए एक अच्छे जीवनसाथी के अलावा कुछ ज़्यादा नहीं चाहते । मगर यही जीवन साथी अगर अच्छा न मिले तो लड़की के लिए यह बहुत बुरा साबित हो सकता है । हमारे देश में कई शादियाँ सिर्फ़ दहेज़ न देना या कम देने के कारण टूट जाती है । दहेज वह पैसे या तोहफ़े होते है जो लड़की के घरवाले लड़केवालों को देते हैं । लेकिन अगर यह तोहफ़े कम हो गए तो लड़की को अपने जीवन भर में यही ताने सुनने को मिलेंगें कि उसके माता-पिता शादी में कुछ दे नहीं पाए । बहुत - सी लड़कियों को इसी बात के लिए घरेलू हिंसा का शिकार होना पड़ता है और वह चाहकर भी कुछ नहीं कह सकती हैं । इसी परेशानी के कारण वह या तो आत्महत्या कर लेती है या घर से कहीं भाग जाती है । यही सब कुछ रोकने के लिए हम सभी को एकजुट होना पड़ेगा और दहेज़ के खिलाफ एक बड़ी जंग लड़नी होगी ।

---स्नेहा सानवाल, दसवीं-बी

SOCIAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION



Exhibits by students of classes I & II



Presentation Work



A model being described



Parents acknowledge creativity



Road Safety Rules - Students enlighten the parents



Showcase of skill & dexterity



Workshops



Workshop on Accountability and Perception Management by Ms. Meenal Sawhney - Primary Plus



Workshop on Adolescent Problems conducted by Ms. Arti Girdhar - Disease Management Association Of India



Workshop on Anti Bullying conducted by Ms. Arti Girdhar - Disease Management Association of India



Workshop on Career Awareness Programme by ICSI



Workshop on Career Counselling - Time Management by Ms. Bharati - IMS NOIDA



Workshop on Career Options by FMG Group of Institutions conducted by Dr Mridula Sharma and Ms Kusum Chopra

Workshops



Workshop on Measles and Rubella Vaccination conducted by Chief Medical Officer, Gautam Budh Nagar



Workshop on obesity conducted by Ms. Arti Girdhar - Disease Management Association Of India



Workshop on Personal Hygiene conducted by Ms. Arti Girdhar - Disease Management Association Of India



Workshop on working ethically by Ms. Meenal Sawhney - Primary Plus



Workshop on Road Safety

Fantasia 2018

















Fantasia 2018

















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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)

DISTINCTIONS - 79%

FIRST DIVISIONS - 100%

NO SECOND DIVISIONS

NO THIRD DIVISIONS

NO FAILURES / COMPARTMENTS

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
NISHTHA CHITARA	BUSINESS STUDIES	94
RUPAL MISHRA	BUSINESS STUDIES	94
CHARU CHAUHAN	ACCOUNTANCY	90

दहेज़ के खिलाफ़ ज़रूरी है जंग

हमारे देश भारत में धीरे-धीरे दहेज़ प्रथा बढ़ती ही चली जा रही है आज के इस आधुनिक युग में भी दहेज़ प्रथा देश में एक अभिशाप के रूप में फैल चुकी है । आज भी इस 21वीं सदी में बेटी के जन्म लेते ही ज्यादातर माता-पिता के सिर पर चिंता सवार हो जाती है । चिंता इस बात की नहीं होती है कि लड़की की पढ़ाई कैसे करवाएँगे ? चिंता तो इस बात की होती है कि विवाह कैसे करवाएँगे, विवाह के लिए दहेज कैसे इकट्ठा करेगें ?

पिछले समय में विवाह को एक पवित्र एवं धार्मिक बंधन माना जाता था जिसमें दो परिवारों का मिलन होता था । उस समय दहेज को लड़की के माता-पिता लड़की के लिए सामान के रूप में दे दिया करते थे, जिसे बिना किसी लोभ के लड़के के घर वाले रख लिया करते थे । परंतु जैसे-जैसे समय बीतता गया और हिंदु समाज में सती-प्रथा, जाति-प्रथा, छुआ-छूत जैसी समाज की बुराइयाँ बढ़ने लगी वैसे ही दहेज प्रथा ने भी एक व्यापार का रूप ले लिया । शुरुआती समय में तो जेवर, कपड़े, फर्नीचर, फ्रिज़, गाड़ी और टेलीविज़न तक की ही बात थी परंतु बाद में लोग मोटी रकम भी लड़की वालों से लेने लगे । गलती से कहीं अगर कोई लड़का डॉक्टर, इंजीनियर, या कोई बड़ी सरकारी नौकरी वाला हो तो फिर सौदे की बात ज़मीन-जायदाद या मोटरकार तक भी पहुँच जाती है ?

आज दहेज़ प्रथा कैंसर की तरह समाज को नष्ट करती चली जा रही है । सरकार भी दहेज़ प्रथा को रोकने के लिए कई प्रकार के नियम बना रही है परंतु दहेज़ प्रथा कुछ इस तरीके से पूरे देश में फैल चुकी है कि अब इसे रोकना कोई आसान काम नहीं है । आज लड़कियाँ लड़कों के साथ कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर देश के हर एक क्षेत्र में आगे बढ़ रही हैं । पता नहीं फिर भी लोगों के समझ में क्यों नहीं आ रहा है कि लड़का-लड़की एक समान है ।

आज के इस आधुनिक युग में भी हमें दहेज़ प्रथा के खिलाफ़ कदम उठाने होंगे और हमें मिलकर प्रण लेना चाहिए कि ना ही हम दहेज़ लेंगे और ना किसी को दहेज़ देंगे । हमें किसी ना किसी तरह हर घर तक इस संदेश को पहुँचाना होगा कि दहेज़ लेना पाप है और देना सही नहीं हैं । आज हमें ये मिलजुल कर कसम खानी चाहिए कि दहेज़ प्रथा को उखाड़ फेकेंगें और भारत को एक उन्नत शांतिपूर्ण देश बनाएँगे ।

---आईशा अनिष, दसवीं-बी



दहेज़ के खिलाफ़ ज़रूरी है जंग

दहेज़ एक सामाजिक अभिशाप है । इस प्रथा में शादी के दौरान लड़कीवाले लड़केवालों को पैसा या कोई कीमती चीज़ देते है । पुराने वक्त में यह भेंट के रूप में दिया जाता था परंतु इस दौर में यह कुप्रथा बन गई है । एक तरफ़ हम लोग नारी सशक्तिकरण के नारे लगाते हैं और दूसरी तरफ़ लड़की के दहेज़ न देने पर उसे मारते - पीटते है । आज के युग में नारी हर क्षेत्र में उच्च स्थान प्राप्त कर रही हैं । पुरुष के साथ कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर चल रही हैं । फिर भी समाज लड़कियों को आज भी पढ़ने का मौका नहीं देता और दहेज़ देने के लिए मजबूर हो जाता है । कोई औरत काली, मोटी या छोटी हो, तो उससे दुगना दहेज़ लिया जाता है । नारे तो सब लगाते हैं परंतु बदलाव कोई नहीं लाता है । दहेज़ के खिलाफ़ जंग लड़ना अब ज़रूरी हो गया है । महात्मा गाँधी ने दहेज़ के बारे में कहा था -

जो दहेज़ को शर्त बना चुका है,
उसे देश में रहने का कोई अधिकार नहीं है
और वह भारत वासी कहलाने के लायक नहीं है ।

---दिवांशी, दसवीं-सी



बुज़ुर्ग हमारी धरोहर



"बुज़ुर्ग हैं तो रिश्ते है, नाम है, पहचान है ।
अगर बुज़ुर्ग नहीं हैं तो बच्चों की कहानियाँ बेजान है"

माता-पिता की सेवा को ईश्वर का दर्जा दिया गया है । माँ-बाप को देवता से ऊपर का स्थान दिया गया है । यह घोर विडंबना है कि जिस देश में राम, भीष्म और पुंडरिक जैसे आज्ञाकारी पुत्र हुए, जिस देश में श्रवण कुमार अपने अंधे माँ-बाप को कांवड़ में बिठाकर तीर्थयात्रा करवाता था उसी भारत की संसद को माता-पिता की देखभाल करने के लिए कानून बनाना पड़ रहा है । जिस समाज में बुज़ुर्गों का सम्मान न हो उन्हें अपनो से प्रताड़ना मिले ऐसे समाज को धिक्कार है। अब तो हालत यह है कि चलने-फिरने की हालत में जो माँ-बाप है उनको भी कोई अपने साथ नहीं रखना चाहता है । सब आज़ाद जीवन ही जीना चाहते हैं । कोई बंदिश नहीं चाहता । आज रिश्तों की डोर इतनी कमज़ोर हो गई है कि स्वार्थ का झटका उन्हें तोड़ सकता है । हमारे दिल में भी माता-पिता के लिए जगह नहीं रह गई है । हम लोग ये क्यों नहीं सोचते कि हम भी एक दिन उम्र के उस पड़ाव पर पहुँचेगे जहाँ पर आज हमारे बुज़ुर्ग माता-पिता हैं । जिस बच्चे को माता-पिता अपना सब कुछ दे देते हैं, पालन-पोषण करते हैं वही बच्चा एक दिन उम्र के आखिरी मोड़ पर अपने माता-पिता का साथ छोड़ देता है । बुज़ुर्गों को दुखी मत करो क्योंकि झुर्रियों से भरे चेहरे और आशीर्वाद देते हाथों का अपना एक अलग ही महत्त्व होता है ।

---श्रेया, दसवीं-ए

बेटी जो एक खूबसूरत एहसास होती हैं

बेटी जो एक खूबसूरत एहसास होती हैं
निश्छल मन की परी का रूप होती हैं
कड़कती धूप में शीतल हवाओं की तरह
वो उदासी के हर दर्द का इलाज़ होती है ।

घर की रौनक, आंगन में चिड़िया की तरह
अंधकार में उजाले की खिलखिलाहट होती है
सुबह-सुबह सूरज की किरण की तरह
चंचल सुमन मधुर आभा होती हैं ।

कठिनाइयों को पार करती हैं,
हर प्रश्न का सटीक जवाब होती है,
इन्द्रधनुष के सात रंगों की तरह
कभी माँ, कभी बहन, कभी बेटी होती है ।
पिता की उलझन साझा कर,
पिता की पगड़ी, गर्व, सम्मान होती है
बेटी जो एक खूबसूरत एहसास होती है
बेटी जो एक खूबसूरत एहसास होती है ।
---खुशी गुप्ता, नवीं-ए





EDITORIAL

'Your calm mind is the ultimate weapon against all your challenges. Always have a calm mind to understand the meaning of compassion, empathy, love, care and sorrow, for this will enable you and me to alleviate the world.'

As it has been rightly said that 'One Book, One Pen, One Child and One Teacher can change the world' - we at school are preparing that change in form of our students who will overtake the world with their wisdom and righteousness. The process of bringing the annual publication of our school brings us to close to so many talents. Milestone is our efforts to provide an unbiased platform to children of our school and their talents as a blessings for the mentors

We say to our students - think not a trifle, though small it appears, small sands make the mountain, tiny drops make the ocean and cherished moments the years. When you look for your name, or your picture in school magazine may it bring a smile, a look of cheer and enlighten the dreamy eyes. May we too continue to learn with you and be passionate about what we are doing, making life interesting and meaningful.

It gives us immense and pleasure to bring out this edition of Milestone which exemplifies our enthusiasm, dynamism in the pursuit of holistic development and quality education. As a team we bring forth our budding and creative writers who depict their versatile approach and imaginative minds.

We would like to thank our Principal Dr. Mary Thomas for being our mentor in the process of highlighting the importance of innovative approach towards pedagogy, inclusion of disciplines, where the emerges as a facilitator in the teaching learning process.

We evolve together as we move ahead in the pursuit of excellence

Ms. Dimple Joseph
Ms. Neera Chaudhary

