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From the Editor's Desk

This edition of our Newsletter – Spectrum is a special issue which showcases the ethos and principles of the school, the Morning and Afternoon shift working together as one school. The students and the teachers from both the schools have contributed in showcasing the multifarious activities conducted on a regular basis.

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From the Director's Desk

My Dear Children



My warm wishes to all the students for the new academic year 2016-17.

We are striving towards giving you the best education. But in the present scenario, being educated is not

enough. One needs to be well-behaved and should always remain humble and modest. I have seen meritorious children behaving in an improper manner with their peers. They boast of the good things they have – marks, prizes, certificates – and even their parents' money. You need to see what you are craving for and what is actually needed at this age.

My sister gifted me a pen worth Rupees 3000. One day while writing with it, I thought that the pen does not matter as it did not improve my handwriting. So always remember, aspire to enrich yourselves and develop those qualities which can not be picked up from the shelf.

Nothing but your brilliance is what will take you to the top. Imagine how a hardworking child from a government school clears an IIT exam and the lazy one from a reputed school goes to an insignificant college.

Your hard work will make you successful in life. Always strive for excellence and be proud of the things that you have achieved. It's only then that you will know what real success is.

May you do wonders in life!

Maj Gen (Dr.) Ravinder N. Masaldan, VSM (Retd.)
Director, Salwan Public School

Prominent Events

Carnival-Club Creations

Showcasing myriad hues of holistic development, Carnival-Club Creations was organized at the school grounds on 30th January 2016. An endeavour to display the talents, creativity and skills of the students, the event was an amalgamation of multifarious club activities, health camp and projects undertaken in different fields of learning during the academic session 2015-2016. The highlight of the event was the 100% participation of the students from Classes I to XI.



Dr. (Prof.) Najma Akhtar, Programme Director, National University of Education, Planning and Administration (NUEPA), Government of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Programme. She addressed the august gathering and appreciated the performances. She encouraged the parents to play an active role in their wards' fruitful development as life-long learners.

Main attractions of the Day:



1. **Disney Parade** by the students of Classes I-V-added colour, splendour and exuberance to the fiesta and enthralled one and all. Dressed as Cinderella, Snow White, Tinker Bell, Micky Mouse, Donald Duck, Pinocchio, Pied Piper, among others, they whisked and danced their way into the hearts of the audience.

2. Stalls exhibiting the enriching activities, **skill development programmes**, innovative projects and initiatives undertaken by Tod Fod Jod Club, Health & Wellness Club, Environment Club, Literary Club, Photography and Robotics Club, Leadership Club, Community Service Club and Art & Craft Club.

3. Games stalls set up by the **Mathematics Club** and Sports Club added to the fun and frolic.

4. Heritage Museum – Salwan Archives '**Echoes**

from the Past', highlighting cultural traditions and showcasing artefacts and glimpses from the past, was set up by the Social Sciences Faculty.

5. A **Health Check-Up** and Medical Assessment Camp in collaboration with BLK Super Speciality Hospital was also organized for the parents, teachers and students.
6. **Sky Observation** through telescope was arranged and more than 1000 people successfully spotted the Sun Spot from the school grounds.
7. The science enclosure saw the students performing an experiment on catalytic reaction which has found its place in **Guinness Book of World Records**.

Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, Scientist and Head, National Council for Science and Technology, Communication Division, Department of Science and Technology graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the Closing Session of the carnival. He addressed the students and motivated them to chase their dreams with strong determination.



The Closing Ceremony of Afternoon school was presided by Dr Kausar Ali Shah, Chief Operating Officer at BLK Super Speciality Hospital, New

Delhi. He appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to carve a niche for themselves by pursuing streams of their choice.

Farewell Assembly to Bid Adieu to class- XII

A special assembly was organised to bid Adieu to the outgoing batch, 2015-16 on 17th February, 2015. The event was graced with the presence of Shrikrishan Sobti, Centenarian and Entomologist, his Daughter, Dr. Anita Kochhar and Son-in-law Mr Deepak Kochhar. The assembly comprised of sharing of memories by the outgoing batch and wishes from the teachers and student council.

Mr. Sobti, who is also the great grandfather of noted actor and IPL Presenter, Samir Kochhar, was happy to share his innumerable achievements and vivid experiences, ranging in the timeline between the two World Wars to the contemporary era.

⇒ The students were curious to know the secret behind his agelessness and vitality of spirit on completion of a century and a month, his



guiding force in life, his hobbies and experiences.

- ⇒ His interest towards caring for the environment and his skills in gardening were highly appreciated.
- ⇒ A Hawan was also organized to seek the blessings of the Almighty for the success of the students. The Senior teachers shared their words of wisdom and blessed the students. It was an emotional moment for all.

Creating a Culture of Sports



26 teachers from the school participated in the 2nd Inter School Teacher's Sports Day organized by Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar from 17th to 19th March 2016. The main objective was to develop in staff a sporting spirit and provide a platform to display their physical prowess and fitness.

The teachers exhibited their sportsmanship in true sense by participating in a wide array of events like yoga, relay races, flat races, obstacle race, wall climbing, volleyball, decathlon, shot put, table tennis and tug of war.

International Exchange Programmes

Connecting Classrooms: A Visit to Loxford School



Under the programme Connecting Classrooms, Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Khetarpal, Principal Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar visited Loxford School, London along with Ms. Chhavi Sinha, TGT (History & Civics). This programme gave global dimension to the study of subjects like Geography, English, Religious Education, Science, Maths etc. and other administrative issues pertaining to School Management. Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Khetarpal, Principal also visited the Selaqui School, Dehradun to understand the Teacher Training Programme and Arjuna Programme.

An Interactive Session with Bradon Forest School, UK

The School hosted an Interactive Session with the students and teachers of Bradon Forest School, UK on March 29, 2016. The session commenced with a Sanskrit verse 'Atithi Devo Bhava' which laid emphasis on the fact that Indians treat their guests with respect. The gathering was further addressed by Ms. Vijay Laxmi Singh, Additional Director, Training SET. She apprised the guests with the norms of SET, assessment policy and Inter disciplinary projects as followed by the



school. The dance performance by the students of the Dance Club enthralled one and all. The highlight of the evening was the heritage walk wherein the students visited the campus and appreciated the museum and various entrepreneurial initiatives of the school like Candle making, Soap making and Manure making. The session concluded with the view that learning is a continuous process and can be further enhanced by sharing ideas with each other.

Capacity Building Programmes

Workshops attended by students



Honing the Speaking Skills

Training Vertical, Salwan Education Trust, undertook a project with Salwan Boys' School with the objective of strengthening public – private partnership. The project targeted the students of Class XI to participate in group discussions followed by group presentations with the aim of honing their speaking and critical thinking skills. Each student was given a chance to voice his ideas.

- ⇒ The students made sincere effort to express their views on the given topic.
- ⇒ To boost their confidence, their efforts were appreciated by all the mentors.
- ⇒ The project was fruitful as it helped in boosting the confidence of the students.

Art is My Life, My Life is Art

Training Vertical, Salwan Education Trust, organized a three day craft workshop from February 1 to February 3, 2016 to enhance creativity and sensitise the children towards the various art forms. Renowned artisans like Shri M. A. Khan, Smt Seema Banerjee, Shri Dharam Veer, Shri Narendra Kumar, Smt Sunita Karan and Smt Poonam Jha gave their valuable inputs to the students.

- ⇒ Live demonstrations of different crafts such as Batik Painting, Papier Mache and Madhubani were made by the artisans.
- ⇒ The students got the first- hand experience of evolving and trying out new techniques in artistic creations.
- ⇒ An audio-visual session on craft works was conducted to inculcate love for Indian handicrafts.

Our students got the opportunity to interact with the well-known artisans who graced the event by sharing their insight for developing the ancestral art forms like Papier Mache, Madhubani, etc.



Interaction with Smt. Sunita Karan, Papier Mache Expert



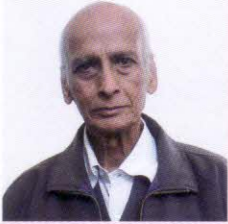
- Salwanian** : Ma'am, we believe that children are like wet cement. How has your experience been working with children?
- Sunita Karan:** I enjoy my association with the future generation of our country. Nowadays, children are very creative and bubbling with innovative ideas. They adapt to the changing trends quickly. I love working with them and teaching them. Sometimes I get awestruck looking at their artistic works.
- Salwanian** : How do you feel when a child presents his/her work in a different manner than what was taught by you?

Sunita Karan: I have a strong liking for creativity and innovation. Whenever I see children coming up with creative ideas, I feel happy and amazed to see their inventiveness.

Salwanian : Creativity like any other skill, can be learnt, practised and improved. Ma'am, do you think it is easy to teach papier mache?

Sunita Karan: No, it is not that easy to make the children understand the patience required for creating objects. Initially, they are very enthusiastic but sometimes they get disheartened when they are not able to present what they desire. So, it is imperative to infuse a sense of perseverance in children to make them develop creative and innovative objects.

Interaction with Shri M.A. Khan, Madhubani Painter



Salwanian: Sir, you have a rich and varied knowledge that spreads over a span of 40-50 years in the field of art. Can you please share with us some of your valuable experiences?

Shri M.A Khan: As a child, I was always given the liberty to create whatever I wanted. However, it does not mean that I didn't encounter obstacles. It wasn't a very comfortable beginning. There were several challenges that had to be overcome in order to achieve the desired results. Over the years my fondness and admiration for visual and fine arts has increased by leaps and bounds. Initially my work did not revolve around a theme. But as I journeyed ahead in this field, I started taking up projects which were theme-based.

Salwanian: To some people, art comes as a natural instinct while some have to learn. Sir, please share your views on this with us.

Shri M.A Khan: I believe every person is born with talent and the only thing as senior artists we can do is to tap their talent and make them realise their true potential. Dedication and hard work paves the way for all the budding artists and makes them desire for more. I feel we must encourage them and I am sure it will take them a long way.

Workshops attended by Teachers



National Progressive Schools Conference 2016

The NPSC Meet was held on the 16th and 17th February 2016 on the theme Millennium/ Sustainable Development Goals. The conference was attended by teachers and Dr. (Mrs) Indu Khetarpal, the Principal of our school. The key points discussed during the conference :

- ⇒ Bringing quality and excellence in the Education System.
- ⇒ Enhancing creativity and critical thinking.
- ⇒ Accreditation and governance engaging all the stakeholders
- ⇒ Social change and transformation
- ⇒ Infusing curriculum with the goals enshrined in Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Safety isn't Expensive, it's Priceless!

A workshop on Handling School Emergencies and CPR Techniques was conducted on January 8, 2016 by Dr. Harpreet Singh, Emergency Medical Officer, BLK Super Speciality Hospital. The workshop focused on the concept of basic life supports.

- ⇒ The teachers were apprised of CPR Techniques which can be used while handling emergency medical situations like cardiac arrest.
- ⇒ They also learnt first aid measures to handle medical emergency situations like burns, wounds, bites, stings and bleeding control.



Exploring new skills through course books and dictionary

On February 1, 2016 a workshop was organised by Training Vertical, Salwan Education Trust based on Grammar and Pronunciation. The resource person, Dr. Elaine Higgleton, conducted the workshop. The session focused on the explanation of various parts of speech, pronunciation and intonation. By playing a short audio visual clip, the importance of using the correct accent and accurate pronunciation was highlighted. Physical factors affecting pronunciation, namely, voice box (larynx), lips and tongue and their functionality were also elucidated.

- ⇒ The participants were able to pronounce the words properly using the norms of IPA (International Phonetic Alphabets)
- ⇒ They learnt innovative methodologies for teaching of grammatical concepts.



An Interaction with Dr. Arvind C Ranade, Scientist E, Vigyan Prasar – Coordinator of the mega event of catalytic reaction which has set a Guinness World's Record

Salwanian: Sir, what inspired you to take up the profession of Astro Physicist?

Dr. Ranade: First and foremost is the curiosity to understand the nature, and as obvious, night sky with fascinating and twinkling and non-twinkling objects attracted more. In addition to this, well known Prof. Jayant Narlikar's books inspired and motivated me to go for Astrophysics.

Salwanian: Your association with VIPNET is well known. Can you kindly give us an insight into how your organization is helping our country?

Dr. Ranade: It is difficult to mention in short! However, the network of Science Club named VIPNET helps every interested young mind to be associated with the countrywide network of Science club. Each club gets the monthly magazine VIPNET newsletter which covers latest development in S&T, subject oriented articles, do-it-yourself activities to perform and understand Science. The same magazine provides the platform to showcase good work of the Science Club which can reach to entire network across the country. Moreover, best and active club gets the chance to participate in national and regional training programmes conducted by Vigyan Prasar. Perhaps this is the best platform for getting the good work recognized at national level.

Salwanian: We've been inspired by the 'Cosmos Event' and your profound knowledge on Astronomy. Can you please tell us the pre- requisites for becoming an astronomer?

Dr. Ranade: Most important quality that a person has to have is to be inquisitive and consistent to understand problem. While trying to get the answer one passes through series of unsuccessful attempts, hard work, frustration and disappointments. So patience is important!!

ETMA - Science of Human Learning



Teachers attended a three day International Conference on Science of Human Learning from 4th – 6th February, 2016 at India International Center organized by ETMA. The conference focused on the research and development in human learning and allied fields. It had chosen three strands, namely, Human Cognition, Technology-Enabled Learning and Skills Education & Learning. The conference gave an opportunity to the teachers and students to interact with eminent educationists from across the world.

The conference focused on the following points:

- ⇒ Children can teach themselves and each other, if they're motivated by curiosity and peer interest.
- ⇒ Textbooks should be updated regularly.
- ⇒ An urgent need for educational reforms across the world to address the triad of Equity-Excellence-Efficiency.
- ⇒ Effective inclusion of ICT in education.
- ⇒ Collectiveness, Concurrency, Collaboration and Compassion are the four main pillars of leaderful practice.
- ⇒ Learning is a journey of coding, encoding and decoding.
- ⇒ Rote learning must be discouraged at every level of education system and attempts should be made to make education stress free.
- ⇒ To educate students with special needs, Inclusive Education should be used.
- ⇒ Teachers need to help the students 'how to think' rather than 'what to think'.
- ⇒ Whole Brain Thinking Approach should be encouraged amongst teachers and students.
- ⇒ Tracking of students' performance over the years is very important.



An Interaction with Prof. Sugata Mitra, Professor of Educational Technology at the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University, UK.

Salwanian : You have proved through your experiments that basic skills can be gained through incidental learning. Does that imply that teachers have no role in teaching basics to students?

Prof. Mitra : It's a different kind of literacy that we see today with even illiterate people talking about the memory card in a mobile. I feel we should drive the system top to bottom in the sense that you first focus on the big unknowns. That's always more interesting than focusing on the big knowns. Education has to be more learner centric and need based.

In Conversation with Prof V. Chinapah, Stockholm University, Mauritius

Salwanian : You started your career as a secondary school teacher in Mauritius. How has the education system across the globe developed since then?

V Chinapah : Expectations are different. In my days the little you know was enough! Today the more you know is not enough that is the difference between the time dimension. You learn a lot today. We learnt a lot according to the time we were in .



An Interview with Manzoor Ahmed, Professor Emeritus, BRAC University



Salwanian: Sir, if vocational training is so good and useful then what is hindering its implementation in India?

Manzoor Ahmed: Tell me, would you like to go to a vocational school yourself? You must help people with the vocational skills (Technical skills). For that they have to be trained, they have to be prepared for their role. Those who have the motivation or some capability, they can go on to further education. The options are more open ended rather than closed and the rewards are also not so discriminated. They can pursue a vocational course and they can still get a good salary and a good living. So, we have not been able to create that kind of system in countries like India or Bangladesh.

An interaction with Veedotama D Koonjal, Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius

Salwanian : What are the qualities that a leader should have?

Veedotama D Koonjal: A leader should be collaborative in terms of working with his people, he should consider views of each and every person who he is working with, it should be democratic way of thinking of ideas. A leader must not have ego problems, because ego problems do not let one to collaborate with others. And one of the most important thing that the leader should have the convincing power to convince people. Because if we want to succeed in life, we have to be with people and work with them.

Salwanian : Why do you think that a group of people will support the leader?

Veedotama D Koonjal: Being a leader you also have to see from the other people's view. Like what will benefit them and what is good for them, being a leader doesn't mean that you have to do whatever you feel like, being a leader means that you have to respect the other people in the group and think about the benefits of them. That's the reason why people would support the leader.



A Tete-a-Tete with Dr. Rajesh Acharya, Senior Consultant, Neuro Surgeon, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital

Salwanian: Sir, please share a few tips which can help us to prepare ourselves better for entrance exams?

Rajesh Achharya: Hardwork is one thing that doesn't have any alternative. I worked very hard. I still remember when I was young, so many TV channels weren't there. Movies were broadcasted only on Doordarshan once in a week and the whole colony used to watch them together. But I never went to watch them. I used to study. Not that I didn't want to go but I had to study for my future.

Salwanian: What message would you like to give to the present generation of learners?

Rajesh Achharya: All I want to say is work hard and don't listen to others. The key point to remember is to persist and to develop the courage to move on. There is nothing which cannot be achieved if you are ready to give it you everything. People would discourage you, they'll try to pull you down but you have to be determined. If you want it, work for it.

BEYOND CLASSROOMS

Visit to Akshardham Temple



The students of classes IX and X got an opportunity to visit Akshardham Temple. While basking in the glory of Hindu culture, students had a surreal experience of Nilkanth Varni Abhishek where they offered prayers for world peace. Hall of Values, cultural tour via a boat ride and watching enlightening story of an eleven-year-old yogi named Nilkanth, who revived spiritualism and Indian culture, were all part of an enlightening journey students had through the boulevards of Akshardham Temple. It was indeed an enlightening experience for the students.

Adventure Camp for Classes I-V From Conquering Fears to Exemplifying Confidence!

Adventure Camp, an annual feature at Salwan encapsulates adventurous activities that evoke engagement, thrill, excitement and exploration. The students of Classes I to V experienced adrenaline rush at the Adventure Camp organized on 20th February 2016 and 15th March, 2016 in the school grounds for Morning and Afternoon schools respectively.

The day adventure capsule amalgamated fun-filled games and life skill development activities. The camp endeavours to provide a unique platform for nurturing talents and developing skills. Unravelling hidden reserves of strength, determination and focus, this year the event integrated a broad range of exciting activities to nurture in pupils qualities and life skills such as resilience, self-confidence, perseverance, consistency and sportsmanship.

The students participated zealously in activities such as river-crossing, rappelling, commando-net, zorbing, Burma bridge, tarzan swing, tent-pitching, wall-climbing, rope-ladder climbing and tug-of-war followed by an enthralling puppet-show and rejuvenating moves on the dance floor. The camp aimed at developing skills, building capacities and competencies, strengthening leadership and team-spirit.



Youth Parliamentary Session



The students of Class XI attended Youth Parliamentary Session at the Kirori Mal College, Delhi University on 6th-7th February, 2016. The agenda for Lok Sabha was Uniform Civil Code and for Rajya Sabha Goods and Services Tax Bill.

- ⇒ The students actively participated as elected/ nominated members of parliament, representing specific constituencies at the session.
- ⇒ They not only gained knowledge about the parliamentary etiquettes and procedures but also learnt the art of deliberating, negotiating and lobbying with the fellow parliamentarians.

It was also noteworthy that Salwanians were the youngest in the gathering as other delegates were from different Colleges of Delhi University. The students actively participated in the Question Hour, Zero Hour and in other fora of discussion.

Achievements & Accolades

School Excellence Award 2016



The School was ranked in the **Top 10 CBSE Schools of New Delhi** and was awarded the **School Excellence Award, 2016** at the 3rd National Conference organized by the **Brainfeed Magazine** on February 4, 2016 at Le Meridian, New Delhi. The other award categories were 'Top 500 schools of India', 'Top 100 Preschools of India' and 'Top 25 Indian Schools of Middle East'.

Dr. Kiran Bedi was the Chief Guest and Prof. Neharika Vohra, IIM Ahmedabad was the Keynote Speaker. Mrs. Sunita Madan, Vice Principal received the award on behalf of the School.

From The Sports Arena

The school participated in Zonal Athletic Championship organised by Directorate of Education. **The results are as follows:**



Ahmed Zain being felicitated by the Hon'ble Director

Category	Prize	School	Participant	Class
under-17 Boys	Best Athlete	SPS(A)	Ahmed Zain	X
under-14 Boys	Best Athlete	SPS	Navprakash	VIII
under-14 Girls	Best Athlete	SPS	Sukhleen Kaur Sodhi	VII

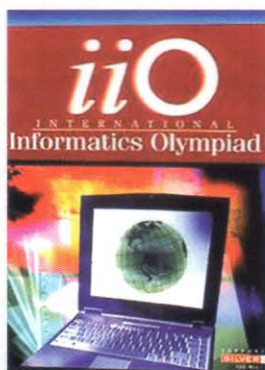
The school also won the Overall Championship in the Under-17 Boys category. Shubhadip Bag of Class XI participated in the School Games Federation of India (100M & 4x100m relay) in under - 19 Boys and won laurels for the school.



Shubhadip Bag

Times NIE: Think and Learn Challenge

Adarsh Sharma, (class X), Khushi Singhal (class VIII) from Afternoon school and S. Vayjanti (Class VII) from the Morning school won a tab each for being the school winners in Think & Learn Challenge organized by Times NIE.



Achievements in International Informatics Olympiad

Students have brought laurels to the school in the International Informatics Olympiad which was conducted on 20th November, 2015 for classes III-XI. The results are as follows:

School	Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals
SPS	8	7	7
SPS (A)	11	7	14

Creating Fondness for Sanskrit



Delhi Sanskrit Academy organized various competitions at Zonal, Inter Zonal and State level to inculcate fondness for the language. The students participated in the competitions and made the school proud by bagging first, second and third prizes. The Prize distribution ceremony took place

Level	Name of the Competition	Position	Cash Prize	Participants
Zonal	Debate	Third	Rs. 1,400/-	1. Akshada 2. Sonal Singhla
Zonal	Shloka Recital (Solo)	Third	Rs. 800/-	1. Pooja Jana
Inter Zonal	Shloka Recital (Group)	Second	Rs. 4,500/-	1. Devansh Bharadwaj 2. Neeraj 3. Utkarsh Ramchandra 4. Mannan Nag 5. Krish Singhla 6. Deepankar Choudhary
State	Saraswati Vandana	Third	Rs 4,000/	1. Pooja Jana 2. Nikita 3. Avantika 4. Sneha Das 5. Drishti 6. Sonal

at FICCI Auditorium on February 24, 2016 wherein Ms. Shashi Bhanotia, TGT Sanskrit received the cash prize and the certificates on behalf of the students. It was indeed a great moment when the academy recognized Ms. Bhanotia's contributions towards guiding the students and bringing the best results. She was felicitated with a shawl and a certificate.

Connecting Stakeholders

BENEFICIARY SATISFACTION

The following surveys were conducted to collect data from all stakeholders to verify that all systems are function:-

- ⇒ Students Satisfaction Survey
- ⇒ Parents Satisfaction Survey
- ⇒ Staff Satisfaction Survey

Based on the survey the following conclusions were drawn:

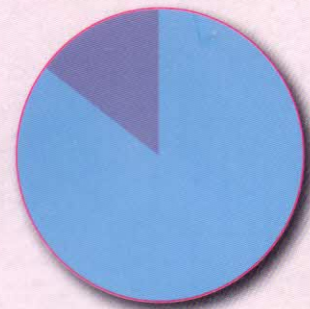
Beneficiaries are highly satisfied in the fields of:

- ⇒ Infrastructure, holistic development of the students, opportunities offered to the students and teaching strategies.

The areas identified for further improvement are :

- ⇒ Wider food variety in the canteen menu, maintenance of washrooms and more educational trips to be organised.

STUDENT'S SATISFACTORY LEVEL



85% SATISFIED
15% UNSATISFIED

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Salwan Education Trust**
- 1. Mahayagya - 22nd April, 2016
- 2. Expedition to Everest Base Camp – September, 2016
- ⇒ **Visit to Shimla - May- June, 2016**