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Message from the Director's Desk



Message from Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Shukla (Retd.), who has taken over as the Director of our School from 14th November, 2016.

21st century brought with it an end to the old era of traditional teaching replacing it with the new technological era. The world is rapidly changing. Learning and exploiting technologies is a must if schools are to retain their competence. At SPS, we believe that we should prepare students for life in a global technological society. We, therefore, follow the most innovative, hands – on interactive approach to teaching. Our goal is to ensure students are better prepared culturally, emotionally, physically and mentally.

As you flip through 'Spectrum', you will see images of stimulating and enriched environment provided to children to enhance their learning experience. We endeavour to tickle the minds of all the students so that they become more analytical and innovative. This is ensured by providing them a calm, orderly, safe, secure environment and a broad well balanced, relevant and contemporary curriculum. The children are not only taught about our unique culture and values but also to respect others. We focus towards improving our teaching and learning pedagogy so that the child is prepared to take on the challenges of the future. My compliments to all teachers, staff and students for their dedication and commitment to uphold our ethos.

Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Shukla (Retd.)
 Director
 Salwan Public School

PROMINENT EVENTS



The Chief Guest Dr. Khuntia receiving a Guard of Honour



'Ghar lo Vadiya' – Celebrating The Patriotic Fervour

The Spirit of Unity and Diversity celebrated on 70th Independence Day

All campus schools joined hands to celebrate the Nation's 70th Independence Day on 12th August 2016. In an interactive session with the students, the Chief Guest Dr. Subhash Chandra Khuntia, Former Secretary to the Department of School Education & Literacy, shared his work experiences and vision for school development. He emphasized the following:

- Importance of accommodating skill development in the New Education Policy.
- Appreciated Salwan Education Trust's initiative of Private Public Partnership.

The Mass Media Lab of the school was also inaugurated on this occasion.

The Future Leaders Decorated at the Investiture Ceremony

The Student Council for the session was sworn in on 12th August 2016. Shri Nikhil Seth, India Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research graced the occasion and decorated the Prefectorial Board. He emphasized that students should inculcate moral values and prepare themselves to be global citizens of the future.



Students Council with Chief Guest



Maj. Gen. R.N Masaldan VSM (Retd.), CEO, Salwan Education Trust with Lt. General D.S. Hooda UYSM, AVSM, VSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command



The proud contingent with the Armed Forces

Ek Salam Desh ke Naam

To promote enrolment into the Armed Forces and to provide a first-hand experience to the students of the harsh conditions of the Men in Uniform, a contingent of 36 students and staff travelled to Drass, Kargil and Leh from 21st to 28th July 2016. At Kargil, they participated in the Vijay Diwas Celebrations. They admired the pride and valour of the Men in Uniform.

The Salwan Cup 2016 School Golf Championship

The Salwan Education Trust in collaboration with Delhi Golf Society affiliated to Indian Golf Union, the recognized Golf Body of India organised Salwan Golf Championship, 2016 from 10th - 14th October, 2016 at the ITC Classic Golf Resort and Country Club at Manesar. The Inaugural Tee Off was held on 11th October 2016.



The Heads of Salwan Schools at the Inauguration Ceremony

Hon'ble Justice Swatanter Kumar, Chairperson, National Green Tribunal inaugurated the tournament. Shri Ranjan Mukherjee, Additional Director General, Prasar Bharti was the Special Guest. The esteemed guests encouraged the budding amateur golfers to chase their dreams and to scale new heights. The tournament saw 88 boys and 22 girls tee off at the Golf Course. 100 top amateur golfers representing renowned schools from all over the Nation participated in the mega-event.



The Winners receiving the trophy

The Award Ceremony was held on 14th October 2016. Dr. A.P. Maheshwari, Additional Director General, BSF and Mr. Sandeep Khirwar, Commissioner of Police, Gurgaon graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour. Mr. K.S. Bhullar, President - Group HR & Member, ANAND was the Special Guest. They inspired the young golfers to achieve their goals with unshakable will and to strive for excellence.

Teachers' Day Celebration - Honouring the torch bearers of Gen - Next

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and excitement in the school. Teachers were honoured on this occasion. Dr. Prasad V. Medury, Chairman, SPS awarded the teachers with Appreciation Certificates for their sincerity and diligence towards their profession. The students organised a cultural show, followed by a few games for the teachers. During an interactive session of the teachers with the Chairman, a lot of queries about education and leading a productive life in the present scenario were discussed.

A workshop by Mr. Sanjeev Datta of Sanjeev Datta Personality School Fame was also organized for the teachers. The resource person counselled teachers on how to improve productivity, develop positive thinking, de-stressing, voice and diction techniques.

SALWAN MARATHON



Students at the Marathon

Salwan Marathon is all about the spirit of running...the joy of oneness...inner satisfaction...guts...stamina and courage to go that extra mile in search for perfection...to bring laurels to our institution... give our best to what life has to offer.

Salwan Marathon organized a Cross Country Run for boys and girls at Army Equestrian, Bar Square, Delhi Cantt on Sunday, 6th November, 2016.

Approximately 28,000 athletes from Delhi and adjoining states participated in the run. 150 Students from SPS (M) and (A/N) were selected in various categories to participate in the Salwan Cross Country Run. Each participant fulfilled the Goal of completing the Race till the finishing point.

Cultural events such as magic show, bhangra, folk song presented by SBSS concluded the Prize Distribution Ceremony. Bhagta Bharat, an NGO working for children with various impairments won the maximum prizes in their category. Certificates, table calendars, coffee mugs and gift hampers were given away as prizes.

Gurpurab Celebrations - Building community by honouring all traditions



Bhai Manohar Singh Ji, Head Ragi



The students being regaled by the Shabads

Upholding the spirit of Universal Brotherhood and Secularism, the Salwan Education Trust, as a part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations celebrated Gurpurab, the Praksh Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on 11th November, 2016 in all Salwan Schools. A group of 75 Salwanians comprising Heads of Campus Schools, teachers, parents and students visited Akali Baba Phoola Singh Gurudwara and prayed for National Unity and Harmony. Justice Shri Manmohan Singh ji, Retired Judge, High Court graced the occasion. The other distinguished guests on the occasion were Mrs Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament, Shri Vishesh Ravi, MLA- Karol Bagh, Shri R.P.Singh, Ex-MLA, Karol Bagh and Shri Rajesh Bhatia, Municipal Councillor. In his address, Shri Sushil Dutt Salwan, Chairman, Salwan Education Trust inspired the students to:

- Incorporate the teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji in their life and respect their elders.
- Encourages the students to uphold the secular spirit of India and develop love for humanity through their actions.

The students of all the Campus Schools presented a beautiful rendition of *Ek Onkar* and other shabads which were appreciated by one and all present. Bhai Manohar Singh Ji, Head Ragi, Bangla Sahib Gurudwara and his accompanists captivated the gathering with a shabad recital linking everyone present with one God- the Wahe Guru. This was followed by Ardaas and distribution of Kadah Prasad. He also expounded the following points with reference to Guru Nanak Ji's life for the students -

- Enhance communication skills.
- Questioning the right and wrong is important in order to learn and become a better person.
- Humanity is supreme and every religion teaches the same values.
- Care for Environment and Sustainable Development.

Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament exhorted the students to take care of the Environment, especially the air quality in Delhi and imbibe the spirit of Nationalism for the progress of the country. The programme culminated with the Shukrana offered by the Head Boy, Shivam Dixit. Guru ka Langar was served to all the guests. PTA Members also presented the Sirupas to Bhai Manohar Singh Ji.

Children's Day Celebrations

The school celebrated Children's day on 15th November, 2016 in the school grounds. A special assembly was conducted by the teachers. Facilitators from Montessori Wing gave a special dance performance. Teachers from Primary Wing presented a medley of songs and senior teachers inspired the students with their inspirational poems and messages. The Principal, Dr (Mrs) Indu Khetarpal, in her address shared fourteen highlights from the news related to 14th November. She also shared a self-composed poem 'Badh Rahe Hain Hum', which inspired everyone to create a new Salwan with the best of their efforts.

Maj. Gen (Retd.) Dr.R.N Masaldan, CEO, Salwan Education Trust addressed the students and encouraged them to take up sports and make it a part of their lifestyle. He also introduced Maj. Gen. Sanjeev Shukla, the new Director, Salwan Public School who then interacted with the students and promised a new spirit of positive change. The Student Council organised a Talent Show where all the participants got a chance to showcase their talent. The highlight of the show was a student who, blindfolded, could read the newspaper, identify the colour of the print and also the advertisements. This was followed by dance and music session which energised the students from classes VI to XII. There was food court laid out especially for the students to enjoy a sumptuous meal.



The Primary Teachers enacting their favourite students



The Montessori Teachers presenting the students' favourite cartoons

Delhi International Arts Festival

The school organized a programme for the artists of Delhi International Arts Festival on 18th November, 2016. Dr. Jayaprabha Menon, an eminent dancer and choreographer along with her troupe conducted a workshop and gave a lively performance for the students.



Students performing Mohiniattam



Ms Jayaprabha Menon

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

Seminar Cum Moot Court Session

A Seminar cum Moot Court Session was organized on 26th October 2016. The session was presided over by Prof. Rick Snell, Deputy Dean in Law at University of Tasmania, Australia along with his team members from SIEC Education.

Prof. Rick Snell discussed in detail the following:

- Different sources of law
- How students could become good lawyers in future
- Indian Law makers with a special reference to the Gandhian ideology



Learn Today Educational Summit

Prakhar Singh and Sidak Bomrah of class IX participated in the Learn Today Educational Summit on 22nd October, 2016 at Vasant Valley School. The focus of this year's Summit was to give students an understanding of the design cycle through a practical programme. The students were encouraged to solve real-world authentic problems by innovative design thinking. The students of the school collaborated with Salwan Senior Secondary Girls' school. They built a symbiotic relationship with the students of SGS. Students of The Girls' school helped the students prepare easy and less time-consuming nutritious food, without using fire. In return, the school shared knowledge of making candles and soaps with them. It helped in engaging students to become informed, compassionate, global citizens.

An Interactive Session by Zee Media Group

Essel Group (Zee Media) organized an interactive session for students of class XI on 30th September, 2016. The sessions included the following valuable inputs:

- Overall grooming of the students in the professional world.
- Inputs on training the students in different media activities like TV Anchoring, conducting interviews of renowned personalities, using Chroma screen (the idea of virtual studio).
- Expectations from students on their conduct including body language, communication skills and improving general knowledge.





Ms. Jyotsna Grover receiving the certificate from Prof. Neharika Vohra

A Training Programme on 'Strategic Leadership for Schools in the Changing Environment'

A training programme on 'Strategic Leadership for Schools in the Changing Environment' was attended by Ms. Jyotsna Grover, (HOD English) at IIM Ahmedabad from 3rd October, 2016 - 8th October, 2016. The Programme focused on:

- Effective Leadership in schools.
- School climate, academic excellence and psychological well-being of students.
- Reinventing schools as per the needs of the fast changing environment.

International Youth Start up Conference: Innovation at Its Best

The Achievers' Programme (TAP), a research oriented educational organisation, and The Welham Boys School, Dehradun, organized a conference titled 'International Youth Start up Conference' on 7th and 8th October 2016 at Welham Boys School, Dehradun. Siddharth Gujral and Gaurang Patodia of Class XI along with Mr. Ashok Chauhan (TGT, Maths) attended the conference. They bagged the second prize in the 'Best Idea category' for 'Tech Bin', an automated garbage segregator which automatically segregates waste into paper, metal objects, dry and wet waste. The conference provided an opportunity to the students to showcase their startup ideas and learn entrepreneurial skills.



Atal Tinkering Laboratories-a joint venture by INTEL INDIA and NITIAYOG

Shivam Dixit, Mrigansh Mathur and Stuti Saini (Students of Class XI) along with Ms. Sunita Madan, Vice-Principal and Mr A.K.Das (HOD, Science Department) participated in an initiative to enhance the spirit of curiosity, innovative and inventive mind amongst the students. Our school got short-listed among the 600 schools out of 8000 applicant schools. The final selection process for the top 200 schools (where the Tinkering Laboratory will be set up) was held on 5th November 2016. **Our school has secured 201 rank and has been selected for the establishment of the Laboratory.** ATL would contain education and learning 'Do it yourself' kits and equipments on Science, Electronics, Robotics, 3D printers and computer.

The Installation of the laboratory would help students get involved with the creative activities, foster imagination and inculcate skills such as design mind set, computational thinking, adaptive learning and physical computing.

Workshop On Health Hygiene And Gender Sensitization

A session was organized for the students of classes VI-VII on 'Understanding Adolescence -The Most Fascinating & Challenging Period of Life'. The resource person spoke about Psychological Development, body image, promoting Positive Body and self-esteem. A number of characteristics such as feelings of self-esteem, including talents, social skills, intellectual abilities, interests and physical appearance were discussed. A special session from Proctor & Gamble was also organized on Girls' hygiene. The Vice Principal stressed the importance of a healthy diet, hygiene and encouraged the students to confide in their parents and teachers when they face any adolescent problem.

STEM THE GLOBAL - DREAM

The Global Dream symposium was organized by STEM Academy of USA in partnership with INDO-U.S. Science and Technology Forum and Vigyan Prasar on 16th September, 2016 at Indian National Science Academy, Delhi. The symposium focused primarily on the importance of STEM, inter - disciplinary approach in teaching-learning process for imbuing scientific temper among the learners.

The event brought together learned people in the field of education from all over the world to discuss the importance of collaborative learning through hands on activities. Ms Jasmeet Kaur (TGT, Science) attended the session.

Career Counselling Workshop

Individualized Career Counselling Session was organised for students of classes XI and XII on 24th October, 2016. Students enquired about prominent colleges, pre-admission specifications and entrance preparation for various courses. Some students also enquired about a career in NDA, CA, CS, Actuarial Sciences, Defence and Civil Services.

Army Mela Excitement



46 students from SPS Morning and Afternoon witnessed the Army Mela held at Delhi Cantonment on 13th August, 2016. Spectacular displays of military weapons, equipments and vehicles were displayed. The children observed a live demonstration of artillery operations by the Jawans. An informative and a motivational session was also held for the students urging them to join the Indian Army. The students attending the Mela swelled with pride to see the awe-inspiring set up of the Army, their discipline and their dauntless service to the nation.

Inter-Salwan Quiz Competition

A team of four students from the Primary Wing participated in the Inter-Salwan Quiz Competition for Classes IV and V and won the 1st prize.

The names of the proud winners are as follows:-

- Rudraksh Chhabra (IV B)
- Aryan Chawla (IV C)
- Dhruv Mal (V D)
- Shivom Pandey (V A)



Workshops by The Times of India – Newspaper in Education

A workshop on Developing English Conversation Skills was organized on 26th August 2016 for Class III where story-telling techniques were used to encourage the students to express their views and ideas confidently.

In a workshop on Memory Retention Techniques on 24th October 2016 for Class V, the students were apprised of memory boosting techniques through story narration approach. They also learnt about a mnemonic 'SMASHINSCO' that relates to the use of various senses, movements, imagination, number, symbol, colour, order and their associations with different objects and things around us for memorizing facts and details effortlessly.



A Gift Wrapping Workshop was organized for Class IV on 26th October, 2016 in which Mrs Alka Gaba, demonstrated creative techniques of wrapping gifts attractively and neatly.

Inter-Salwan Science Competition- Igniting the Imaginative Minds

With a view to foster and promote interest and excellence in Science, Inter-Salwan



Science Competition was organized at Salwan Public School, Gurugram, Haryana on 23rd July, 2016. A series of competitions and events were organized for different classes to reinforce the

importance of Science in day to day life. Students from eight schools run under the aegis of Salwan Education Trust participated in the event. Magic tricks presented by Primary students sent ripples of applause amongst the spectators. Padmaakshi Chakravarty and Nikita Pradhan of SPS A won the Second Prize in Model Making Competition. They made a striking model on installation of solar panels to run Metro trains.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM- EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

Educational trips were organised for all classes :

National Science Centre

The visit to the National Science Centre provided a memorable experience for the students of Class VIII. The curious students observed exhibits like Ram Yantra, Samrat Yantra, Gola Yantra and Jal Chakra Yantra. Replicas of Indus pottery, terracotta animal figurines and toys were also the other points of attraction. The gallery on human biology also displayed the complex structure of human anatomy with life size models.



National Dairy Research Institute, IARI

The students of class IX visited the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) at Karnal on 27th July, 2016. It was a learning experience for the students as they observed the scientific way of milking and packaging of dairy products. The students visited the animal shed and milking arena to have a glimpse of the basic source of milk collaborated with highly advanced technology to make a finished product. The complex procedure that goes into the making of their daily consumables overwhelmed the children.



National Research Center on Biotechnology



70 students of Classes XI and class XII went to NRCBP, IARI, Pusa Road on 27th August, 2016. They were shown a small documentary on Biotechnology and its applications. Subsequently, they visited the Tissue Culture Lab and Molecular Biology Lab where they learned different techniques of DNA isolation, its amplification and protein purification.



Movie Show

The students of Classes I to V enjoyed the movie 'Finding Dory', at PVR Naraina on 29th and 30th July 2016. The movie highlighted the importance of determination and courage for achieving one's goal in life. The students were able to appreciate the importance of peaceful coexistence of all living creatures.

Science Fest



The students of Classes III, IV and V (Morning & Afternoon) attended the Science Fest held at Thyagraj Stadium on 10th and 11th August 2016. The Science fiesta aimed at developing a scientific temperament in students. The students observed exhibits and demonstrations showcased in various stalls based on different concepts related to science and technology. They got hands-on experience in making polymer slime and creating hydro-rocket models. They also enjoyed fun-filled activities such as Bubble Mania and Liquid Nitrogen Show.

Inter-House English Elocution Competition for Classes IV & V-Nurturing the Art of Elocution and Effective Communication



Inter- House English Elocution Competition was organized on 28th July, 2016 for Classes IV and V on the topic – Internet - a Boon or a Bane. The elocution aimed at sharpening the logical reasoning, critical thinking and analytical skills of the students while honing their oratory skills. The participants raised thought-provoking rhetorical questions and presented informative facts, appropriate arguments and evidences. All the teams displayed their talents and skills with unmatched confidence and enthralled the audience.

Name of the student	House
Naina Sardana	Nehru House
Kanak Sharma	Vivekanand House
Neer Sharma	Nehru House
Nirmit Gupta	Vivekanand House

Learning Outcomes:-

- Students should be encouraged to use the internet judiciously. They should be guided to utilize their time efficiently.
- Constructive ways of using social media as an effective learning tool should be propagated.
- Overdependence on internet should be avoided.
- Parents should stop using the internet as a Virtual Nanny. They should limit, monitor & supervise their ward's use of internet.

Open House at JNU



37 students of Class XI-F along with 3 teachers participated in JNU Open House held at Jawaharlal Nehru University on 21st November, 2016. Prof. V.R.Rao, Director, IIT Delhi was the Guest of Honour. The visit promoted self-directed learning among students and they were encouraged to be inquisitive.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Student Exchange Programme: Australia

Four students of Salwan Public School, Gurgaon and five students of Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar along with Ms. Gulroop Kaur (Vice Principal, SPS, Gurgaon) and Ms Kiran Kapoor (Co-ordinator, SPS, Montessori) visited Seymour Girls College, Adelaide, Australia for an Exchange Programme. The students and teachers stayed with host families and experienced the culture of Australia. They got the opportunity to observe the teaching-learning process being practised at Seymour Girls College.

Learning Outcomes :

- The programme provided them an edge over their peers as they learnt to live and make important decisions independently without the protective comfort of their parents.
- Several new opportunities for higher education were presented to them.

Students' Exchange Programme: London

Ten students from SPS Morning, two students from SPS Gurgaon, three from SPS Afternoon along with two teachers Ms. Pallavi Rawat (PGT,History) and Ms. Mukta Sharma (PET) attended an exchange programme at Loxford School of Science and Technology, London from 8th October to 16th October, 2016 They also visited Bradon Forest School and Malmesbury School.



Learning Outcomes :

- The students had a chance to experience the culture of Britain with which India shares a common history. Students observed the differences in the cuisine, architecture, familial traditions, education system and even the ways in which people carried out conversations.
- The students could relate their classroom knowledge with Britain and its unique architectural features during their visit.

Students' Exchange Programme with the Choice School, Kochi

Eight students from Morning and two from Afternoon school along with two teachers Ms. Divya Dhruva (TGT, English) and Mr. Sanjay Mishra (PGT, Hindi) visited The Choice School, Kochi as a part of an Exchange Programme from 3rd November to 10th November, 2016.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learning literature through theatre: Once a year, the school organizes a play and auditions children for the same. This encourages them to read and understand literature.
- Interaction with The Choice School students helped our students to learn more about the rich heritage of Kerala, their school and its culture.
- The students realized the importance and benefits of self-discipline after witnessing the well-organized morning assembly, the zeal and whole hearted participation of the students in class-room lessons.
- The students imbibed a spirit of collaborative learning which also taught them to adapt to changes and adjust with each other.



Book Launch

The students got an opportunity to interact with Dr. Neelkantha Radhakrishnan, Mr. Manmohan Singh Dr. Karan Singh during the book launch of Dr. Neelkantha's book 'Give Non Violence A Chance'.

The Highlights of the event were:

- The role of education as an important tool to bring a change.
- There is a need to restore unconditional love for our nature and environment.
- Non - violence can happen if we are committed with a conviction.



Bookaroo Festival- Interaction with Renowned Author

An interactive session with an eminent author Christopher C. Doyle was organized on 23rd August, 2016. He discussed interesting details about The Mahabharata and The Great Pyramid of Egypt. He explained theories like The Burial Chamber, The Stonehenge, The Druids and the mystery about Alexander's Death. The session made the audience believe that the world is full of mysteries and assumptions.



ACHIEVEMENTS & ACCOLADES

Salwan School has been ranked amongst the **top 10 schools** of Central Delhi in the leaders' category, in the i3RC- Times Annual Delhi School Ranking Survey 2016, conducted by the Times of India Group. The survey comprised of three major modules i.e Desk Research, Factual Survey and perceptual rating survey. The objective of the research was to finalize the list of top schools in Each zone in Delhi, NCR.

The school has been awarded **Second Position** in the country for Communication Excellence by the Education World Grand Jury Award 2016 on 23rd September, 2016. The Education World Grand Jury Awards 2016 have been instituted to felicitate schools making extraordinary efforts to introduce innovative 21st century practices in Primary-Secondary Education.



LEADERS	
1	Delhi Public School, Malabar Road
2	Sanskriti School, Chauskhyapuri
3	Dal Ehsanelli Public School, Ganga Kaur Hospital Marg
4	Springdale School, Pusa Road
5	Convent Of Jesus And Mary, Rohtak Sahib
6	Midwest School, Barakhamba Road
7	Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lodi Estate
8	Convent Convent, Chauskhyapuri
9	St. Thomas School, Mundir Mary
10	Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar



The school is glad to share with you that the school ranking survey conducted by the prestigious Education World Magazine, for the academic year 2015-16, in the category of Co-ed Day Schools has ranked the school on the following levels:

Ranking	Level
No.16	City Level
No.21	State Level
No.46	National Level

This survey was conducted by C fore field personnel, who interviewed 10,301 parents, principals, teachers and senior school students in 28 cities countrywide on a ten-point scale of education excellence.

Guinness Record Salwan Gliding New Heights of Excellence

In an overwhelming affair which took place at IIT Delhi on 7th December, 2015, 50 students from Classes IX-X had participated in performing science-experiments. The event was declared as an unparalleled feat and was acknowledged by Guinness Book of World Records. Our school was awarded a certificate and memento on 4th August, 2016 for this glorious achievement.



Tanmay Chopra (visually impaired) of Class XI-Humanities stream has been shortlisted for the ACES (American Cultural Exchange Service) FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Programme) for the session 2016-17.



Raunak Jain, SPS (A) of Class VIII has clinched the top position in the 3rd Level of Silverzone International Informatics Olympiad (IIO) for the year 2015-16. He has been awarded a fully paid educational excursion to Disneyland, Hong Kong.

20th Intex School Gita Chanting Competition

Shourya Sharma (III-A) and Pavni Sharma (III-A) won the Consolation Prize in the Inter-School Gita Chanting Competition held at Chinmaya Vidyalaya on 28th October 2016. The participants were adjudged on the basis of fluency, clarity, pronunciation and presentation.

Inter-School Logo Programming Competition



Navya Garg of Class V-B bagged the 2nd Prize in Logo Programming Competition held at the Silico Battles Tech Fest organized by Ahlcon Public School on 3rd and 4th November 2016. The event aimed at developing out-of-the-box thinking skills in students. The participants acquired knowledge of the latest innovations in the field of Information Technology.

Delhi Government & Sanskrit Academy presented awards to Mr Prabhakar Mani Tripathi (SPSM) and Mrs. Shashi Bhanotia (SPSA) in recognition of the excellent and exemplary performance not only of the teachers to promote Sanskrit language but also the performance of the students of Classes VIII, IX and X. 25% of students from these classes have scored above 90% in Sanskrit.

Competition	Date	Participants	Position
Group Shloka Recitation	26 th August, 2016	Nikita Pradhan Avantika Singh Pooja Jana Sneha Das Sonal Singla Drishti	Second Prize (Certificate+ Cash Reward of Rs. 2400/-)
Solo Shloka Recitation	1 st September, 2016	Pooja Jana	Consolation Prize (Certificate+ Cash Reward of Rs.300/-)

New HORIZONS and miles to go before we rest...

OPEN DOOR ASSESSMENT for class VI

It is a Pilot Project started in the year 2014 by an IIT Alumni. It enables schools to conduct understanding based assessments and allows teachers to make questions, evaluate them and share results quickly. It is the practice of assessing and reassessing students till they master a particular concept.

Online answer-sheet evaluator:

- Helps plan corrective measures and short retests.
- Encourages students towards proficiency in the subject.

Western Music : The school has introduced Western Music Education in Guitar, Drums, Violin, Piano and Vocal Music for the students.

Media Studies Lab: With the introduction of Media Studies as a subject, a very high-tech Media Studies Lab has been set up in the school. The lab is equipped for Video Recording and Editing Techniques, Audio Recording and Editing Techniques, News Reading, Conducting Interviews, Photography Studio and Videography Studio.



Dr. Khuntia, Chief Guest,
Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Khetarpal, Principal,
Salwan Public School inaugurating the Media Lab



Harjot Kaur (Alumni) interviewed by
the students of Mass Media.

Upgradation of Infrastructure & Facilities

- The school is constantly upgrading the facilities and infrastructure so as to provide the best environment for studies.
- Canopies have been put up near all gates to protect students during rain and from sun during arrival and dispersal.
- More water coolers have been installed on every floor.
- The school gymnasium has been renovated with state of the art facilities and a gymnasium use schedule has been planned to meet the fitness needs of the students and staff members.

Sports Events

Zonal Athletic Meet 2016

Zonal Athletic Meet for Primary Schools was organized at D.I. Khan School, New Rajendra Nagar on 26th October 2016. Students from schools under Zone-28 participated in the event. Fifteen students from Classes I to V participated in different races as per their age categories. All the participants from our school won medals (Seven Gold, Seven Silver & One Bronze). Young Salwanians from the Primary Wing bagged the maximum number of medals and received the much-coveted Championship Trophy.



The Proud Achievers

Name of The Event	Name of the Students	Class	Position Secured
Ball Roll Race	Ayush Kumar	I D	First
	Komal	I A	First
	Manthan Ratawal	I B	Second
	Anshika	I C	Second
Hopping Race	Jai Singh Chauhan	II C	First
	Kashvi Kumar	II D	First
Sack Race	B Bhalanetra	III C	First
	Arav Kakkar	III D	Third
Skipping Race	Krish Kumar	IV A	First
	Achint Kaur	IV B	Second
Relay Race	Bilas Kalra	IV D	Second
	Krish Kumar	IV A	Second
	Krish Arora	V D	Second
	Ishit Gera	V C	Second

Sports News SPS (Morning)

NAME OF STUDENT	CHAMPIONSHIP / TOURNAMENT	EVENT	POSITION / MEDAL
Sparsh Bansal Mrigansh Mathur Yashas Pessi Tejas Pessi	Zonal Chess Championship Organized By DOE	U-19 Boys	First
	Zonal Basketball Championship	U-17 Girls U-14 Girls U-19 Boys U-19 Girls	Third Third Second Third
	Zonal Volleyball Championship	U-14 Girls	Second
Suchika Kaul, Shubhdip Bag	Summer Athletic Meet	U-17, Shot Put U-19, 400 M U-19, 200 M Jr. Men, 100 M Jr. Men, 200 M	Gold Gold Gold Silver Silver
Suchika Kaul	Delhi State Athletic Meet	U-17, Shot Put	Silver
Subhadip Bag	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	100M 200M 400M 4X100m Relay	First First First First
Anshul Singh	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Long Jump 200M 400M 4X100m Relay	Second Third Third First
Ahmed Zain Faizee	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	1500M 800M 4X100m Relay	Second Third First
Vishal Bhalla	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Discus Throw	First
Aman Satija	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	4X100 Relay	First
Rasmeet S Bhugra	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	3000M	Second
Rasmeet S Bhugra	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	400M 4X100m Relay	Third First
Nav Prakesh S Teji	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	4X100m Relay	First
Mayank Dhyani	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Discus	First
Ekamjyot .S. Nalwa	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Long Jump 100M 100M	Second Second First
Umang	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	4X100m	First
Gurvansh S Batra	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Shot Put	Second
Madhur Nagrath	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Discus	Second
Dhruv Khokar	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Triple Jump Triple Jump	Third First
Mudit Markan	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	4X100m Relay	First
Swayam Sethi	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	100M	Second
Suchika Kaul	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Shot Put	First
Suchika Kaul	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Discus	First
Prabhneet Kaur	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Discus	First
Nandika Monga	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Shot Put Shot Put	Third Second
Sukleen Kaur	DOE Zonal Athletic Meet	Shot Put Discus	Second First
Prakhar Bhardwaj	CBSE Central Zone Taekwondo Championship	Taekwondo	Second

Siddharth Kumar of class XII-F has won Bronze medal in 10 m Air Pistol (Jr. Men category) in the 32nd Delhi State Shooting Championship held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range where 520 athletes participated. His score was 356/400.

Sports News (SPSA)

Inter School Chess Tournament

It was a joyful moment when the students of our school secured the second position in the Sub-Junior category and Third place in the Junior category at the Zonal Chess Competition conducted by School Games Federation of India. The event was held at Bal Bharti Public School, Pusa Road from 8th – 10th October 2016.

Korean Martial Art

The Fourth Korean Martial Art (TANG SOO DO) Championship 2016 organized by Tang Soo Do Sports Federation of India was held at West Patel Nagar on 24th July 2016. Two students from SPSA participated in the event and bagged the following prizes.

Name	Class	Category	Position
Shweta Singh	VI- B	Individual Form	Silver
		Individual Weapon	Bronze
		Team Weapon	Gold
Ekta Singh	V- A	Individual Form	Bronze
		Individual Weapon	Bronze
		Team Weapon	Silver

Zonal Athletic Meet

The Zonal Athletic Meet delivered a stalwart pedestal for the students of our school where they bagged several prizes and won accolades for the school. The roll of honours are listed as follows:

Group Category:

Game	Venue	Category	Position
Chess	Bal Bharti Public School	Sub – Junior Junior	Second Third
Volleyball	Salwan Girls School	Junior (Girls)	Second



The Winning Team

Inter- House Competitions

Competition	Classes/ Category	Winner
Basketball Match (July)	Class IX – X	Buddha House
Cricket Match (July)	Classes VI– VIII	Tagore House

The Individual Category of Zonal Athletic Meet was held at D.I. Khan School, New Rajendra Nagar.

Category	Name	Event	Position
Sub-junior girls	Kashish	Shot put	Third
Junior Boys	Dhruv Garg	200m	Third
Sub-Junior Boys	Shivam Pandey	4x100m Relay	Third
	Rishi Jain	4x100m Relay	Third
	Shivam Badoliya	4x100m Relay	Third
	Dhruv Garg	4x100m Relay	Third
Primary	Upasna	Ball Roll race	Third
	Siddharth	Sack race	Second
	Nakul	Skipping race	Third
	Vanshika	80 m Flat race	Second
	Vanshika	Long jump	Third

Taekwondo Tournament

It was a defining moment for the students of SPSA who participated in the Open All India School Taekwondo Championship held on 5th November, 2016 at Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi. The following students were bestowed with prizes.

Names	Prizes
Aastha Madhav (Class X-A)	Gold Medal
Samra Zafar (Class X-A)	Gold Medal
Harsh Sharma (Class VII- C)	Bronze Medal



ECO-ACTIVISM



Paper Bag Making Activity was conducted for the eco-club on 7th July 2016 using old newspapers.



Vanmahotsav Plantation Drive Students organized a Tree Plantation Drive on 20th August, 2016.



Save Water Campaign was organized on 20th August, 2016 to spread awareness on the importance of water conservation.



Global Handwash Day was observed on 21st October, 2016 with a skit enactment to encourage the students to wash their hands and maintain proper hygiene in order to keep disease-causing germs at bay.



Anti- Crackers Campaign was organized on 28th October, 2016 to encourage the students to shun the use of fire-crackers on Diwali. Ways of celebrating Eco-Friendly Diwali were also shared.

CREATIVE CORNER

तैयारी हर रोज

लक्ष्य को अपने रख कर ऊँचा करके कुछ दिखलाना है,
नहीं कोई भी छोटे पीछे सबको साथ में लाना है।
चलो चलेंगे मिलकर हम सब नई सुबह की ओर,
सच है मित्रो करनी है अब तैयारी हर रोज।।
उम्मीदों का सूरज बनकर हम अनंत में चमकेंगे,

अपने सपनों की किरणों से जग उजियाला कर देंगे।
हम कष्टी, पतवार हमी है, हम सागर की मौज,
सच है मित्रो करनी है अब तैयारी हर रोज।।
अंधेरों को, तूफानों को हम तो धूल चटा देंगे,

साक्षरता और मानवता के घर-उचयघर दीप जला देंगे।
हम लाएँगे स्वर्ण-उचयप्रभा को मानव के हित खोज,
सच है मित्रो करनी है अब तैयारी हर रोज।।

अनन्या सिंह
आठवीं अ

WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT??

What are you staring at?

Searching any pearl under that one piece or passing judgments for the girl in shorts.

Why is your sight catching the playing girl gang and not the assaulting bike riders?

Character less. Definitely a word you would give to me if I ride up in shorts.

Cool Dude. Surely your vocal cords utter if that guy roams in undershirts.

Oh, an open mind. What will she do with that, she has to embrace another home?

-You have your 70th independence moment. Right? British free. Okay! Congratulations but now who will fetch you freedom from your one-go conclusions, your cloth-based judgments and your special fixed norms.

What are you staring at?

Considering that shy guy as feminine or questioning him being a man if he cries.

You create visionary on them being bold, violent, wild, oppressive but alas! You didn't reconsider facts of their upbringing, potential of morality and the influence of peers.

What are you staring at?

That married couple. He slaps her, she shouts but no, that's going to be a personal matter.

But now since they comfort each other, they are termed to be 'shameless'.

Yes, you are right. You abolished female foeticide, infanticide and now, you are going to keep all clean in that Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, but who is going to clean that sight with which you stare. Your mind with which you conclude and your tongue which you endlessly stretch like a rubber-band to pass the stuff on.

What are you staring at?

Damn, That girl knocked home at 11pm. Oh gossip aunties, yes you ma'am. Have you ever concerned to ask how she manages two shifts and earns bread to her family.

Your attention is to that boy who stays home. Then your judgement goes how he is unemployed, vague and so on. But my dear, he could be a blogger creating money in the house. He might be taking care of his sick mother.

But no, no, no. You will still stare. Will keep staring, will go on until you find new to watch, a fresh stuff to pass judgment on and even then you won't stop.

Now, What are you staring at?

Wait a minute. Let me tell what you are supposed to stare.

Find a mirror, stand upright and look into your eyes.

Stare yourself. Stare until you find a flaw. Stare long enough to pass endless judgment on.

And now just keep staring yourself.....

Vidushi Vats
XI-F

ALONE

From childhood's hour, I have not been
No, not the same as them, I had not seen
I could not yield
My passions to the common field

My heart would not beat
To the sounds of their feet
Everything I loved,
I loved alone.

And I realized the existence of my pain
I was not loved and my life was but in vain
I was an alien for sure
Oh that they always assured

My love was deranged
Or so they would arrange
And everything I loved,
I loved alone.

They were true actors
But they didn't take it into factor
That I saw right through
And so they tried for all they knew

But it was too late
The child within me had been consumed in hate
Light had never made its move
And so darkness consumed
And the child grew cold,
Anger her source

Even to her death,
No one recognized her
Behind her mask,
Hid a pained plea
And everything she loved,
She loved alone.

Shourya Lamba
VIII B
SPSA

A Daring Act

Once upon a time, there were four friends- Reena, Teena, Rahul and Rohan. They always spent their time together and never fought with each other. They treated each other as real brothers and sisters. Every evening they played in the park. There was a forest near the park. No one ever knew about that forest.

One pleasant evening, they were all playing in the park, when Rahul kicked the ball so hard that it went into the forest. All the children went running after the ball and without realizing where they were going, they entered the forest. Suddenly, the ball stopped near the bushes. When they went closer to the bush to pick up the ball, they heard a very strange sound. The children were scared. When the sound disappeared, a beautiful baby deer emerged from the bushes. Teena found it so cute that she wanted to take it home with her. But when Rohan got to know about Teena's idea, he exclaimed, "Teena, how can you take it home? The forest is its natural habitat." But Rohan's words didn't affect her. She kept on arguing.

Reena got irritated and said in a ruthless tone, "Why are you both wasting your time in such a discussion? The deer must be hungry." Rahul had some nuts in his pocket which his mother usually gave to him when he went out to play. He took the nuts out of his pocket and gave it to Reena who gave it to the deer. She decided to give it a name. Teena thought of a beautiful name, 'Uro'. For many days, they came in the evening and played with 'Uro'.

But one day, when they came to play with Uro, they saw that a man, whose face was covered with black cloth was keeping 'Uro' and other deer in a truck and taking them away. The children decided to follow the truck on their bicycles. Rahul always carried a pager and a tracking watch with him. As they followed the man, he dialled the Police Helpline number through the pager and informed the inspector about the theft. Rohan helped him keep a track on the path through which the deer were being carried in the truck. When they reached the destination, they realized that they were in the deepest part of the forest. They could see an old room of bricks and cement with a small window and a door in it.

They could also see some men discussing and arguing, but the children could not hear even a single word. They assumed that this was a place where animals were killed for their skin which was exported to many parts of the world.

As soon as they were ready to kill the deer, the police arrived. The gang tried to escape but they were caught and put behind bars.

The children had become celebrities for their dauntless and brave act. They were interviewed by News Reporters and even awarded by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for saving wildlife. Their parents were proud of their act..a daring act of bravery.

Ananya Singhal,

VII- D

Reflections of Life

She walked up to the mirror again,
Her mouth set in a thin frown.
She looked up at her messy hair,
Which weren't even the right shade of brown.
They were so dark and dry,
Not as straight as she would have liked them to be.
Not as curly as she would have desired,
So many imperfections she could see.
Her eyes were way too black,
Too many freckles on her face.
Her nose was way too short,
She was a pathetic case.
Her lips were way too big,
But her eyes held so much pain.
With so much of self hate,
She might have been going insane.
Her stomach wasn't toned and flat,
Her skin wasn't the perfect shade.
But her long skinny arms,
Held numerous scars which had now started to fade.
They were a reminder of how reckless she had been,
How she had cried herself to sleep at night.
The metal razor was her best friend,
The mere sight of which now gives her a fright.
She was a depressed soul back then,
But she is a changed person now.



Her imperfections don't overpower her anymore,
And even her ugly face seems beautiful somehow.
Her nose doesn't seem way too short,
And her freckles don't look that bad.
Even though her hair isn't perfect,
The thought of it doesn't make her sad.
She knew she wasn't the prettiest girl,
But she knew one thing for sure.
If she started feeling confident about herself,
She could definitely smile a lot more.
With that thought in her mind,
She glanced at her ugly frown.
Well it wasn't really ugly anymore,
Because she had turned it upside down.
She was beautiful in her own unique way,
And she knew deep down in her heart.
She simply needed to embrace herself,
And this was a new and fresh start.
You my friend, are also gorgeous,
Don't listen to what others say.
Start loving yourself,
Because you are beautiful in your own unique way.

Aarushi Govil
Class X A

FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS

It was a Friday night. I had been reading a book while eating fries, feeling content and peaceful until the phone started ringing. There was nothing wrong with the phone. The problem was that no one was at home except me, which meant I had to go and pick it up. I stood up from the couch and very unceremoniously half-walked, half-dragged my lazy body to the device. "Elina. This better be good because you disturbed me while I was doing a very important thing." I said in an annoyed voice. "Important !!! Do you mean reading yet another novel while stuffing yourself with junk food?" Elina asked in a smug tone from the other end. She knows me too well. She continued, "Anyway, Crystal is having a sleepover at her house. Melissa already agreed to come. All our parents are at the charity event taking place in the town, which they won't be leaving anytime soon. So.....See you in 10 minutes! Bye!" I knew if I didn't reach the place in time she would keep whining about it until I gave in and drag me there herself. Hence, why I found myself ringing the doorbell of Crystal's house after 10 minutes. It was Melissa who opened the door. She motioned me to get inside. An hour later, when it became clear that had nothing much to do, we decided to explore the lab where Crystal's dad worked. Let's just say, four bored teenage girls should never be left alone in a science lab. 5 minutes later after breaking 3 test tubes, 2 beakers, 4 bottles filled with something that smelled like a cat's litterbox and spilling some colourful formula which resulted in releasing a suspicious green gas, we four stumbled out in the backyard of the house. After that, we all blacked out. I woke up to loud, high-pitched screams. My eyes fell on an old woman looking eerily like Melissa who kept saying "I have wrinkles!" Next I saw a middle-aged woman with a striking resemblance to Crystal who seemed to be in shock and kept muttering, "This can't be real. This is not possible." Then my gaze fell on a 10-yr old Elina who was staring down at me. Staring down at me? Uh-oh. I looked at myself. I was a.....2-yr old toddler! The gas had messed up our ages. In all that craziness, we forgot that Crystal had very concerned neighbours who had called the police after hearing our screams. As soon as we heard the sirens we took off running and reached an alley. That was when chaos broke out. "This is all your fault!", "It was your idea to go in the Lab!" and so on. An old woman passing by gave us a weird look. Before it could get worse I plastered an innocent smile on my face and said to my three friends, "Grandma, mommy, can we please have ice-cream?" The old lady smiled warmly in our direction before going her way. Phew! That was close. I turned to my three friends and said, "We need to find Crystal's dad. Maybe he can get us back to normal or he might send us to a mental asylum. I am hoping it's not the latter." My friends nodded. After walking for an hour or so, we dropped our tired bodies on a bench on the sidewalk. It was past midnight. Suddenly I saw a shadow across the street. Before I could warn others, two men with knives came out and jumped in front of us. "Give us all your money or else die!" One of them threatened. What they didn't know was that the four of us had taken karate classes since we were 5. A few minutes later the two criminals lay on the sidewalk groaning. We heard someone shout at us. Thinking that we might get into trouble, we ran off towards the Central Park and hid behind the bushes. Suddenly, a wave of dizziness hit me and I was out. I woke up to someone shaking me. I immediately sat up and looked at my friends who.....were back to their normal ! The effect of the gas was only temporary. "We are back!" All four of us screamed with delight. We hugged each other. "Come on, let's go home before our parents notice that we are gone." Crystal said. We all nodded. But I just couldn't help myself from doing one thing. I fake-gasped in shock and said to Melissa, "Melissa! You still have wrinkles on your face!" Melissa's happy face turned to one of pure horror. "No!" she wailed. I couldn't stop the laugh that burst out of me. Melissa soon figured out that I was joking and ran at me with a scowl on her face. I took off running with her after me while my two other friends laughed at our antics. Our parents never found out about the adventure we had that night. The main headline of the next day's newspaper had the four girls secretly smiling, "Two wanted criminals who are now behind the bars were found beaten up by secret helpers of the society."

Aarti Srivastava
Class XI F

Stop!!! Think and Breathe.....

Wait I just said all the impossible things, right?
Because in this ever-pacing world, we have forgotten to stop
We need to hurry to catch up with the world but in this process, we lose our lives amid the strife.

Creating a world with technology,
Making humans a machine
Trying to achieve the targeted GDP
This is the world that we all have been seeing.
And when I say, Stop, think and breathe, you will find it absurd, because it is.
Because it is.

Stop: We have no time to stop
Think: We, the homo sapiens, the most intelligent species cannot think
Because if we could have, the situation wouldn't have been this grim
Breathe: And we would have been able to breathe, now, see how all of it is linked?
And you and I standing here are not the victim of this time
You and I standing here are not the victim of this polluted city
You and I standing here are the partners in crime.
You and I standing here are accomplices.

Because it's the world that we created for ourselves
It's the world that we chose for ourselves in our everyday choice
But please tell me, how will I answer when someday, down the line,
My daughter or son asks, 'Who led us into this dark time?'
How will I tell them that it's because of you and me they cannot breathe.
That it's because of you and me, that in pollutants they seeth
That it's because of you and me, they cannot go out and play
That it's because of you and me, they will never have the same days
That it's because of you and me, they would never know what it feels like to breathe without a mask
That it's because of you and me, even breathing has become a task.
And please do not mistake my intention
I am not here to start another blame game
We already have that enough going in the nation
I am not here to blame Diwali, or the Punjab farmers, or the industrialist.
Neither do I support any of this
But the main point that we all are missing
Is that you and I are both equally culprits
And funnily only you and I both can be the heroes.
By just opening your eyes,
And ears listening to the pleading, succumbing, dying, fading, smothering Delhi cries.
By realizing it's slowly crumbling to death
It would take us all down
Finishing us before we realize
With every choice you make, future generation dies.

Please forgive me for being so rude, blatant about being dead.
But I think that it's needed to be said
Saying all of this, I am running out of breath
Or well shall I say I am running out of 500 ppm?

I am here only to make a small request
Request that's not in my personal interest
A request that could save you me, and the future we
A request to stop, think and breathe.

**Ridhima Manocha,
Class XI F**

The Power of Books

Books reflect society, make people strong,
Inspire and build character.
Popular characters are idealized, become role models,
For generations cutting across various nations.
J.K. Rowling made magic cool with a fictitious school,
Studies which blend books with practical know-how
Characters like Harry, Ron and Hermione with their hardships and trials,
But their friendship survived through everything somehow.
Harry became a hero,
But Hermione was the one who stole everyone's heart,
After having not a great start.
Rowling made Hermione what she wanted every girl to be,
Bold and fearless,
Calm in every situation,
Stood up for her friends, but was sweet nonetheless.
She personified the girl of today, ready to help others.
She would not let people put her down,
Loyal and brave, inferior to boys in no way,
Her biggest fear was failure, whether in studies or in life.
For friends she would go that extra mile,
Even if it meant fighting for her life.
Characters like Hermione are an inspiration for all generation
Inspires girls to be strong, to take on the world,
To fight for your rights and never stand down,
When people think you are weak and try to exploit you,
Let them know you are no pushover,
But a strong girl like Hermione.

Sana Gupta
X-A

We Appreciate...



Brihit Kapahi of Class IX C got an opportunity to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Arvind Kejriwal at a forum to voice the students' opinion of a better, safe and clean Delhi. He had the once in a life time chance to meet Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India, but he declined it. When asked by his mother, "Why are you not going for this meeting? You are going to meet the President." He said, "I have to go to school. I have my Social Science exam." His mother was very angry and asked him to rethink over his decision but Brihit calmly replied, "I want to be in my school." When his mother insisted, he got upset and refused to talk to her. Finally, understanding her son's priorities, the mother decided to meet the Principal and thank her for imbibing the right values in her son. We need more students like Brihit who are committed to the school.

Tweenache in the time of hashtags by Judy Balan

"Tweenache in the time of hashtags" narrates the all 'first time' in the life of a teenage girl, in fact a girl who is approaching teenage and is sharing her feelings by the dint of blogs. Her first timer transcends all issues ranging from puberty, PMS, teenage crushes, envious nature and finally surrendering to God for resting her emotional turmoil. It is a well knitted story of a single mom who tries to handle her two daughters with love and great care. In this task, her friend Ashwin always turns up as her savior. There is complete family drama involving frequent quarrels between two sisters and between mom and daughters. The theme of the book is to expose its readers to the identity crisis of teenage and the probable solution to handle their frustration both for the parents and for the teenagers themselves. The entire plot revolves around a family that keeps on dissecting and analyzing every act of each other and tries to take out the solution collectively. There is a confused single mom who every now and then tries to justify her life. She has two daughters; Nina and Nikki. Nina is the blogger, who is quite mature for her age and a repository of all flavors of emotions. On the contrary, Nikki is the adolescent girl who fakes callous attitude towards emotions but is not concerned about other's feelings. The character Ashwin uncle is the wittiest character whose expert comments actually makes serious moments light. Illustrations used in the write up are quite hilarious and worth observing. The author has touched the common issues of teenage blues. Literature, in between hashtags and the vocabulary used gel well with today's generation of the online socialites where Whatsapp and Instagram are the basic necessities.

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