



news in brief...

NEWSLETTER OF YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA (Oct.-Dec., 2019)

1 The school celebrated its 71st Sports Day on Saturday, November 9. The Chief Guest was Honourable Justice **Mr. Anupinder Singh Grewal**, a YPS alumnus.

2 The auspicious occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the first Sikh Guru, was celebrated in the school through a gamut of activities - a street play, an art competition (compulsory for all classes) and distribution of gifts to the needy.

3 A team of staff and students from **Lycee Clos Maire School of Beaune, France**, visited YPS for an inter-cultural exchange programme from October 12-19

4 School shooters won gold and silver medals in **Asian Shooting Championship**

5 English, Mathematics, Science, Commerce and Computer Olympiads were conducted for the students of classes II–XII

THE 71st SPORTS DAY SERENADED

The **Stadium** was ready, and so were we
Gathered in front of the **audience** that had come to see,
That was our day of enthusiasm, joy and competitive fun,
And the **Sports Day** was declared open in the evening Sun.

With proud **Marching** steps and wonderful strides,
Came forth the children with their magnificent **horse-rides**,
The **three Houses**, the **National level winners** and **NCC squads**
The **band** behind, oh! what a sight of the wonderful lads !

This gave way to the **torch bearers**, steady, strong, sturdy and sure
The nail-biting competition **races** left us asking for more !
The pretty little **aerobic** girls from classes six to nine,
Became blue-winged fairies and butterflies so pretty and fine !

The **PT** boys had a coordination that did not fall apart,
And the **aerobics** of the **Junior School kids** was so cute from the start,
The talent display of **yoga** and **gymnastic**,
Created an atmosphere so very fantastic!

The races of **OY students** from days old
A trip down the memory lane began to unfold,
A **sweet song** sung by the young singers of our school filled the air,
It seemed they with the nightingale had formed a pair!!!

The **speeches of the Director** and the **Chief Guest** motivated us all,
As each **Yadavindrian** stood high and tall,
We reflected on the amazing evening we had had,
On the **71st School Sports Day** that left us happy, joyful and glad!

Erica, XN



The Chief Guest, Honourable Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal, takes the Marching Salute



The quintessential track events



The solemn Oath –Taking



The Show Jumping feats



The House Contingents march spiritedly



The Chief Guest in the new Robotics Lab, presented by the OYs of the Silver Jubilee Batch



An interactive session between OYs and present students



Ms Sabeena Sehgal, Country Head of Leading Schools Corporation, presented a citation recognising YPS as one of the forty best schools in India



The OYs take part in the March Past



The triumphant Mohindra House gets the trophy

GOD'S GRACE GALORE!

GURU NANAK DEV'S 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The following activities marked the celebrations on the pious occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji.

- Art Fest (for all classes)
- Street Play on the life of Guru Nanak
- Distribution of woollen clothes and stationary items in the city Polo Ground

THEIR TAKE ON THE ART FEST!...

- 1) **Mrs. Sarita Saini** - It's a good change for all of us...!
- 2) **Anisha Bajaj**, XI Science- Well, I just wish I knew how to draw!
- 3) **Aayush**, XP- It's a reviver of art...!
- 4) **Antra Sharma**, IXE - Everyday should be like this!
- 5) **Nimar Sidhu**, IXN - Right now, I am feeling



- depressed as my painting got spoilt!
- 6) **Mrs. Deepa Thapliyal** - Each and every child's participation makes this event extraordinary!
 - 7) **Tanisha Garg**, XI Arts - Having a great time in portraying my creativity!
 - 8) **Avnoor**, VIIIIN - Feeling very proud of the fact that we're celebrating Guru Nanak Dev ji's birthday in such a big way!
 - 9) **Harseerat**, XII Science - Well, feeling very colourful, right now!
 - 10) **Mrs. Karanpreet Kaur** - It's nice to see something beyond the regular work
 - 11) **Ananya Sharma**, XI Arts - This event has made me realise that my drawing skills are dreadful!!!
 - 12) **Sehaj Bangar**, XI Arts - These drawings must be displayed for all to see!

A PRAYER TO GURU NANAK ...

*Bless the pencil that made Your portrait,
The strokes of brush that painted flawless,
The markers that wrote Your teachings in elegant calligraphy,
But most of all bless the souls that rejoiced Your birth,
Almighty....*

*Bless the actors that told Your tale,
Taking us into a time when You walked amongst us,
The singers who sung You in melody,
But most of all bless the souls that rejoiced Your birth, Almighty....*

*Bless the tiny children who prayed in Your name,
The words that they spoke in fumbling tones,
And, above all, bless us to be like You,
Follow the teachings given by You,
Teach us to control our demons within
Shape us into people who live for others!
The efforts of all who have carried through generations,
But most of all bless the souls that rejoiced your birth,
Almighty....!*

—Nimar Sidhu IX N

BOOKS ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN MOVIES!

Ever since the first book was adapted into a movie, there has been much discussion about which is better—reading a book or watching a movie adaptation? Each version has its own merits, which is probably why the debate has never been laid to rest, but as an avid reader to me there is a clear winner.

One of my top arguments for why I will always prefer books is that books actually allow you to know what the characters are thinking or feeling.

Also, books get to tell their stories in hundreds, sometimes even thousands of pages, whereas, movies have to cram everything into a two-hour time frame.

Books allow you to be more creative and imagine the characters, places, scenes, the way you want to. Everyone can have their own interpretation of things, because there is no right or wrong.

Anyone who has been to the movies lately can tell you that it is definitely not cheap. Books are usually cheaper because you can borrow most of them from a friend or a library.

Another reason that I am most passionate about books is that they stay with you forever. There's not really much I can add to this one other than the books that we read and love, whether as a child or an adult, have a way of staying with us and influencing us in ways...

I love movies as much as the next person, but when it comes to book-to-movie adaptations, there is really no contest because no matter how great the movie may be, nothing will ever beat its more detailed, intimate, imaginative and character-driven book.

Aaina Saini, IXO

NEW YEAR FACTS!

- > The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 B.C.
- > 1st January as New Year was never a standard practice. Romans, for instance, celebrated March 1 as New Year.

CAMPUS NEWS

- **Gold and Silver in 14th Asian Shooting Championship**

Abhay Sekhon, XII Arts, and Rajkanwar Singh, XII Arts, won a gold medal (team) and a silver medal (team), respectively, in the 14th Asian Shooting Championship held at Doha, Qatar.

- **School Shooter Sets New National Record**

Abhay Sekhon has set a new national record as he bagged three gold medals (Individual, Team and Mixed Team) in Skeet Shooting in the 63rd National Shotgun Championship.

- **Bronze medals in Shooting in Nationals and State Tournaments**

Jasnaaz Sidhu, XP, secured a bronze medal in shooting in the SGFI Nationals. At the same time. Mridvika Bhardwaj, VIIO, won a bronze medal in shooting in the State Championship.

- **Gold Medal in Punjab State Yoga Championship**

Jasmine Kaur Nagra, XI Science, has won a gold medal in the 44th Punjab State Yoga Sports Championship. Shamsheer Randhawa, IIIE, won a bronze medal in the same event.

- **Silver Medal in Punjab Roller Skating**

Amarinder Sehgal, XI Arts, has secured a silver medal (team) in the Punjab Roller Skating Championship. He also bagged a silver medal in the District Roller Skating Championship.

- **Gold Medal in Punjab State Badminton Championship**

Shikhar Ralhan, VIII, earned a gold (doubles) and a silver medal (mixed doubles) in the Punjab State Badminton Championship.

- **Gold Medals in District Tennis**

Gurshan Singh, VIIIN, Uday Batra, VIIIP, and Maanit, VIN, won a gold medal (team) in the District Tennis Tournament. Uday Batra also won a bronze medal in State Championship. School team of Brahmjot Singh, XN, Chris Chhabra, IXP, Miran Mehta, IXP, and Sukhraj, VIN, also won a gold medal in Tennis at the district level. Raisha Dhaliwal, VIN, earned a gold medal in Tennis in district tournament.

- **Medals in IPSC, State and District Table Tennis Tournaments**

1. School team were the runners up in the IPSC Table Tennis Tournament in the U-12 category. The team members were Krishiv Bansal, VO, Ayaan Gupta, IVN, and Piyush Garg, IVO.
2. YPS team comprising of Tejas Gupta, VIIO, and Neev Jain, VIIIE, won a bronze medal in the state championship.
3. The following students won medals in table tennis at the district level. All the medals were won in team events

U-19 (Girls)- Khushi Dalla, XI Commerce- Silver

U-19 (Boys)-Umaansh Kumar, XI Accounts, Vishav Bindal, XI Accounts, Neel Kumar, VIIIN- Gold

U-17 (Boys) - Rajbir Juneja, XE, Shaurya Kaura, VIIIN, Manhar Aggarwal, VIIIN-Silver

U-14 (Girls) - Jannat Sachdeva, VIIIE, Anusha, VIN, Dishita, VI- Silver

U-14 (Boys) - Neev Jain, VIIIE, Tejas Gupta, VIIO, Devank Bhalla, VIIIE-Silver

- **Swimming Tournaments**

The following students participated in the All India IPSC Swimming meet and won medals-

1. Aadil Saluja, XI Commerce-Two silver and one bronze
2. Chaitanya Singla, XO- One gold, two silver and two bronze
3. Sumer Singh, VIIIP- One bronze

The following swimmers participated in the Punjab State Swimming Championship and won the medals listed below-

1. Aadil Saluja, XI Commerce- two gold, three silver
2. Anisha Bajaj, XI Science - One gold and three bronze
3. Chaitanya Singla, XO - Two gold, two silver and one bronze
4. Shiven Tayal, VIIIO - One gold, one silver and two bronze
5. Sumer Singh, VIIIP - One silver and one bronze
6. Rabbani Saharan, VIIIN - One bronze
7. Parvaj Singh Saharan, VIIIE - One silver

The following students participated in the 'Tandrust Punjab' State (Boys U-18) Swimming competition and won medals-

1. Aadil Saluja, XI Commerce - a gold, silver and bronze medal each
2. Sumer Singh, VIIIP - a bronze medal

Aadil Saluja also won a bronze medal in the same tournament in the Men U-25 category.

Chaitanya Singla, XO, participated in the 'Tandrust Punjab' State (Girls - U-18) Swimming competition and earned one gold, three silver and one bronze medal. She also won five silver medals in the U-25 age category of the same tournament.

The following students won the following positions in the Punjab School State (U-11) competition-

1. Agamteshwar Singh, VE - Three gold and one silver medal
2. Ustat Kaur, IVO - One bronze medal

- **IPSC Shooting Championship**

The following students won medals in the IPSC Shooting Championship-

1. Rajkanwar Singh, XII Arts- Gold
2. Sahibjit Singh, XII Science, and Jashan Singh Chandi, XP, a gold (team)

- **IPSC Tennis Tournament**

Raisha Dhaliwal, VIN, won a bronze medal in the IPSC Tennis Tournament

- **Medals in Fencing Tournaments**

Ersheen, VIP, won the following medals in a spate of Fencing Tournaments-

1. State-silver

NEW YEAR FACTS !

- The calendar now followed in most parts of the world (and so in India) is the Gregorian calendar, which was introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582
- Interestingly, Russians celebrate the New Year twice, once on January 1st and then again on January 14th.

2. School State—two silver medals
3. District—silver
4. School District—silver
- **Gold and Silver in Skeet Shooting**
Prabhpratap Singh, XII Accounts, secured a gold medal in the state tournament and a silver medal in the North Zone tournament in skeet shooting.
- **District Archery Competition**
Gurmehar Bidding, VIIE, one gold, two silver and three bronze medals in the State Archery tournament. He also secured five medals in the District Archery Championship.
- **Medals in Equestrian Event**
 School riders participated in the Sultanpur Lodhi Horse Show and earned the following medals—
 1. **Jashan Cheema**, XP - one gold, two silver and one bronze
 2. **Kanav Garg**, XO - three silver and one bronze medal
 3. **Bilawal Shergill**, VIIIN - three gold medals
 4. **Agam Batra**, VIIIN - two silver and one bronze medal
 5. **Viraj Singh**, VIIIN - one silver medal
 6. **Ria Puri**, VIIE - three gold and one silver medal
 7. **Jashanveer Singh**, VI - two gold and one bronze medal
- **Students Win Inter School Tennis Tournament**
 The following students were the winners in their respective events in the 4th Prakash Chand Batta Memorial Inter School Tennis Tournament held at Kasiga School, Dehradun—
 1. **Himanshu Goyal**, XII Arts (Bull's Eye)
 2. **Fatehraj Singh**, IXN (Spider's Drill)

3. **Dhanav Roy Mangla**, VIN (Bull's Eye)
 - **CCRT Scholarship in Creative Arts**
Divroop Kaur Sandhu, VIIIO, has been awarded a CCRT scholarship (under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India) worth Rupees 3600 per annum in recognition of her talent in classical dance.
 - **NCC Week**
 The NCC Week was observed with the school NCC cadets attending a campaign on 'Drug Abuse' at Mohindra College, Patiala, and visiting school for physically-challenged in the vicinity of Patiala. The aim was to spend a day, observe the lifestyle and interact with the inmates of the school.



- **Friendly Fixtures**
 YPS, Patiala, played cricket matches against YPS, Mohali, in the U-17 and U-14 categories. YPS, Patiala, won the latter by one wicket.

BACK STREET BUSINESS

- COLUMN BY Jannat Teja, XI Commerce

CONSPIRACY: A MONEY-MINTING PARANOIA

Trump belongs to the category of 'reptile people' and Beyonce' is a part of the secret cult Illuminati; if you believe in any of that or are privy to such conspiracy theories, beware! You might just be susceptible to financial exploitation.

One of the most bizarre businesses is the one of conspiracy theories where passionate and committed people across the world are working to subvert some of our deepest held beliefs. They weave meshes of theories to attract people like gnats to their webs. Individuals stuck to the monotony of their life tend to feel uncertain, powerless and disengaged. Conspiracy theorists take advantage of these anxious individuals and seize opportunities to delude them. The 'enlightened' theorists can be funded by an opposition party in order to create a sense of agitation against the ruling government to create a sense of unease in the country. Since on some level, we are all predisposed to be suspicious or mistrustful of the government it is easy for these theories to gain ground. Then there are those people who want to promote their blogs or any channel of media so they provide the world with a theory. The one that seems to be the most irrational sells the best. There's

no narrative, there are no facts, yet it is successful in filling a void in us with the pride of being knowledgeable or intellectual. For business tycoons implanting conspiracy theories in people's heads is a smart way to make its competitors go bust, thereby boosting their own share prices or just increasing expectancy. For instance when in 2014 Amazon leaked information about Apple looting the public through 'iPads', their sales dropped by 43% whereas sales of Kindle shot up by a massive 56.33%. Similarly, when Zee News was financially limping in 2013, we saw a sudden escalation of its funds around the time when it officially turned pro-BJP and circulated rumours like the introduction of anti-Dalit laws by Congress which influenced a major part of the masses. Some conspiracy theories (based on military, etc.) are formulated by the government and spread by the news channels they fund in order to distract the public from the terrible state of affairs in the country.

By and large, we can safely say that conspiracy theories are not in any way facts they are all just tales of falsehood and a money minting paranoia.

NEW YEAR FACTS !

- A strange practice, but 2,000 pounds of confetti are dropped on the crowd in Times Square at midnight every new year.
- On New Year's Eve, residents in a small neighbourhood in Johannesburg collect old appliances, carry them up to apartment building rooftops and toss them down to the streets far below.

INTER HOUSE MATCHES (RESULTS)

- 1) BADMINTON (U-19)

BOYS	GIRLS
I-PH	I-PH
II-DRH	II-MH
III-MH	III-DRH
- 2) TABLE TENNIS (U-14)

BOYS	GIRLS
I-PH	I-DRH
II-MH	II-MH
III-DRH	III-PH
- 3) BOXING (U-14, U-17, U-19 BOYS)
I-DRH
II-MH and PH
- 4) TABLE TENNIS (U-19)

BOYS	GIRLS
I-PH	I-MH
II-DRH	II-PH
III-MH	III-DRH
- 5) SOCCER (U-14 BOYS)
I-PH
II-DRH
III-MH
- 6) BASKETBALL (U-19 BOYS)
I-PH
II-DRH
III-MH
- 7) INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL (U-19 GIRLS)
I-DRH
II-MH
III-PH
- 8) SQUASH (U-14 AND U-17 BOYS AND GIRLS)
I-MH
II-PH
III-DRH
- 9) SOCCER (U-19 BOYS)
I-PH
II-MH
III-DRH
- 10) TENNIS (U-19)

BOYS	GIRLS
I-DRH	I-MH
II-MH	II-DRH
III-PH	III-PH
- 11) BADMINTON (U-14)
I-MH
II-DRH
III-PH

SCHOOL ATHLETES SHINE IN IPSC ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT

The following students won medals in the IPSC Athletic Tournament held at Punjab Public School, Nabha-

1. **Rahulinder Singh**, XII Commerce-Gold in Discus Throw and silver in Hammer Throw
2. **Harshit Takkar**, XII Arts – Gold in Javelin Throw
3. **Damanpreet Singh**, XI Accounts – Gold in Triple Jump
4. **Prabal Pratap Singh**, XII Arts – Bronze in Hammer Throw
5. **Tara Singh**, XI Arts – Gold in Long Jump and Triple Jump
6. **Reyan Athwal**, XE – Gold in Discus Throw
7. **Rehmat Walia**, XE – Silver in High Jump
8. **Grusarwan Singh**, IXP – Gold in 200 m and 400 m
9. **Yashvir Singh**, IXP – Gold in Discus Throw
10. **Mehak Garg**, IXE – Gold in Shot Put
11. **Tejas Narang**, VIIN – Gold in 80 m Hurdle
12. **Samaira**, VIIP – Bronze in Discus Throw
13. **Kabir Singh**, VIIN – Silver in Shot Put and Discus Throw

JOIN HANDS TO FIGHT POLLUTION

The mankind has had a strange relationship with the environment. The latter has given us many gifts; such as water, sunlight, air, different species of creatures and fossil fuels, which make the Earth worth living, but we have polluted it. Pollution refers to the contamination of these natural resources. Therefore, there is an urgent need to tackle this problem.

There are many ways in which we can save our earth from pollution. We should take to public transport or carpool whenever possible, rather than driving in individual cars, to reduce smoke emissions. We should also try to avoid firecrackers at festivals and celebrations. We should adopt the habit of recycling. The used plastic ends up in the oceans and landfills, polluting them and affecting the flora and fauna. We should not decompose them off after use. Rather we should reuse them for as long as we can. We must encourage everyone to plant trees, which absorb harmful gases and make the air cleaner.

Everyone must take a step to save the earth from pollution. A joint effort is needed to tackle this problem, so we must come together for this cause now. The innocent lives of animals are being lost because of our wrong activities. So, let's protect the water we drink, the air we breathe and the soil we need to grow our food in.

-Vaani Goyal, VII E

NEW YEAR FACTS !

➤ Surprising as may sound, there is a 1000-year-long song in the making known as "Longplayer." The song began on January 1, 2000, and will continue until Dec. 31, 2999, where it will come back to the starting point and sung again !

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME (AND OTHER ACTIVITIES)

The most awaited event of the Junior School, the Junior School Entertainment Programme was held on Saturday, 23rd November. **Mrs Somlata Kashyap**, First Lady, 1 Armoured Division, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The amphitheatre reverberated with joy and happiness as almost 600 students presented a plethora of items showcasing their talent, hard work and dedication.

The journey from "A Potpourri of Nursery Rhymes" to 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer', interspersed with *Sufi Kathak*, Circus, 'Sapne', ...a Hindi play, *Punjabi Mela*, Medley of dances, enactment of the classic poem, 'Muddlehead', melodic songs sung by the choir and beautiful and instrumental pieces by our budding musicians, was indeed mesmerizing.

The visibly untiring efforts of the students and the teachers were greatly appreciated by one and all!

The Head, Junior School, **Mrs Simrit Khatra**, proposed the Vote of Thanks and the programme ended with a vibrant, joyous Rajasthani folk dance.



• OLYMPIADS

From identifying future talent-pool, to building the confidence in the students, the Olympiads are a perfect platform to provide exposure at national and international levels. The following Olympiads were conducted in the Junior School—

1. Unified cyber Olympiad (UCO) (classes IV and V)
2. Green Olympiad (classes IV and V)
3. International English Olympiad (IEO) (classes II - V)



National Level and Science Talent Search Examination (NSTSE) for classes IV and V was also conducted.

- **Harshvardhan Rajesh Kakkar**, V, did us proud as he qualified for the 2nd round of BYJUS

• ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITY (December 3)

Come December and one can feel the Christmas spirit everywhere. To add to the happiness, an Art and Craft activity was organised in the Junior School. The activity had all the students of the Junior School participating.

Whereas, class I children with their nimble fingers were found decorating Santa caps, the young artists of classes II and III remained engrossed in drawing the fascinating Christmas scene. The IVth and Vth graders gave wings to their imagination and came up with some brilliant and innovative ideas..... And lo and behold, we had all shapes, sizes and forms of Dear Santa and the traditional Xmas tree, one could ever imagine!

INTER-HOUSE CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

• English Debate (Senior School) -

Individual Positions -

I-Tanisha Garg, XI Arts (DRH)

II-Arjun Gurram, XII Arts (PH)

III-Reyaan Athwal, XE (PH)

House Positions -

I- PH and DRH

II- MH

• Hindi Debate (Senior School) -

Individual Positions -

I-Gurrehmat Kaur, XE (DRH)

II-Pratishta, XI Arts (PH)

III-Aayush Sharma, XP (PH)

House Positions-

I- PH

II- DRH

III-MH

• Punjabi Debate (Senior School) -

Individual Positions-

I-Manpreet Kaur, XII Science (PH)

II-Manreet Kaur, IX (DRH)

III-Grishma, XO (MH)

House Positions-

I- PH

II- MH

III- DRH

• Creative Writing in English (Senior School) -

I-Aaina Saini, IXO (DRH)

II-Udaiveer, IXE (DRH)

III-Nysa Kataria, IXO (PH)

• English Quiz (Senior Section) -

I-PH

II-DRH

III-MH

PH team comprised of Pareesa, Eshita, Gurnoor, Ishnoor, Jasnaaz, Darbjot, Pratishta, Aayush, Yashub, Pavit, Chitra and Inayat

• GK Quiz (Middle School) -

I-DRH

II-MH

III-PH

The members of the DRH team were - Gurkripa, Gulnoor, Prachi, Ghanishth, Divyam, Shaurya, Steve, Vaani, Jasnoor, Gunmay, Agaaz and Saksham

• Science Quiz (Middle School) -

I-MH

II-PH

III-DRH

PH team comprised of Mehar, Nandish, Guransh, Sifat, Nimar, Ranvir, Viraj, Devina and Birangad

• Sports Quiz (Middle School) -

I-PH

II-DRH

III-MH

Bhomik, Kanwar, Abhayteg, Vardhaan, Japji, Kanav, Takshit, Shireen and Viraj were members of the winning team

CHILDREN'S DAY, CHILDREN'S WAY ...!



Come November 14, the day that knocks at the door of our memory, our childhood, to leave the parcel of nostalgia there. This day commemorates the birth

anniversary of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**, the first Prime Minister of independent India. Fondly remembered as 'Chacha Nehru', he had immense faith in the potential of children as the future of the nation.

Cartwheeling down the memory lane, like every year, our beloved teachers left no stone unturned to bring a bright smile on our faces!

The programme commenced with the usual prayer and school song which to our surprise turned into a show of amusement.

At her witty best, Dhanesh ma'am read out the news which divulged the characteristics of some of the senior students in a satirical way.

This was followed by Ms. Kiran Sangeeta Murli, who mesmerised the entire audience with her soulful voice. The customary skit left the audience in splits with teachers enacting out the role – reversal in a humorous way. Deepak sir teleported us to the golden age of humour!

The break dance by Mr. Sanjay Taneja was, as usual, a big hit! Every person left the venue with a smile and a bunch of giggles. It made sure that we invariably end up staying in touch with our childhood innocence, pranks and play in equal measure.

Aryan Duggal, XI Arts



NORTH INDIA AFS REGIONAL SCHOOLS MEET

(Tanisha Garg, XI Arts, narrates her experience of attending the first ever North India AFS Regional Schools Meet held at Sela Qui International School, Dehradun)

AFS Intercultural Programme is an international youth exchange organisation which helps the world learn to live together and empower young people from all backgrounds with essential global skills and the passion for making a difference in the world and be a change maker.

This year, three students from our school, **Udayveer Singh**, IX-E, **Pavit Panag**, XI Science, and myself, accompanied by our School Director, **Major General Sanjiv Verma** and senior staff member, **Mrs. Sangita Malik**, went to attend a conference at Sela Qui International School, Dehradun, from 15th-17th November. The theme of the Conference was- '**Engage, Empower and Expand**'.

To write more about the theme, the word 'Engage' means participating and understanding the various problems being confronted by the people of the country and then finding and performing the various solutions to those problems. 'Empower' means to promote such kind of acts so that a change could be brought to this world whereas 'Expand' means spreading the message of awareness and problem-solving issues.

Now, keeping up with this theme, two projects were assigned to the students. The first project required the students to meet residents of slum areas, who had migrated to the urban areas just for the sake of a better living, and discuss conditions of the slum dwellers and their unawareness about the various government projects meant for them.

The other project required the students to go to a Government school and help those children who don't have as many facilities as we have. I strongly believe that helping one person might not change the whole world, but



it will surely change the world for that one person. 25-30 students made a model class for the students by first cleaning the room, arranging the desks and then creating an ideal environment for the students so that they could study with great zeal and interest. The creation of such a model class was really important because the bitter truth is that those students do not even have benches to sit on and they study sitting on the ground under the scorching sun. We even made a proper platform for the students so that they could have their midday meals properly. And all this work was finished within 5-6 hours of hard work.

One strongly believes that an effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves and this effort should be of such a kind that the ones whom we're helping are able to help themselves in the future.

To conclude, I would just like to say that at one point of our life, it is really important to be a giver. It is to be remembered that there are two types of people in this world- Givers and Takers. The Takers may eat well, but the Givers surely sleep well....!

NEW YEAR FACTS !

- > Firecrackers are traditionally burst every new year eve in order to scare away evil spirits and ensure a brand new start.
- > Japanese eat long noodles on New Year which, it is believed signify long life !

INTER CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME - YPS AND LYCEE CLOS MAIRE SCHOOL, FRANCE



A group of 19 students, escorted by two staff members from Lycee Clos Maire School of Beaune, France, visited YPS, Patiala, for an Intercultural Learning Exchange Programme from October 12-19.

During their stay, the guests explored different facets of rich and diverse culture of India. They participated in a number of activities and engaged in healthy engagements with YPS staff and students. Besides this, they visited different places in Delhi and Punjab such as Jallianwala Bagh, Akshardham Temple and India Gate. To commemorate the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the French delegates visited the Golden Temple, Amritsar, and Sikh museums to learn about Punjabi culture and Sikh religion.

An Interview with the French delegates -

1. What was our school's first impression on you?

Jeanne: The size of the school is fascinating! Everyone is so welcoming and easy to talk to!

Ophelia: The people are so nice...!

Baptiste: Everyone is so sweet and it was amusing how they all cheered when I waved in the assembly!

2. Out of all the places you visited, which one has been your favourite?

Jeanne: 'Sadda pind'

Ophelia: The Patiala city tour

Baptiste: The Golden Temple

3. What difference did you find between YPS and your school back home?

Jeanne: We don't have so many sports in such an organized routine!

Ophelia: Our school finishes late in the evening. Here everyone gets free so soon! And everyone here wears such attractive uniforms!

Baptiste: Well, no school there has a stadium like this within your school premises.

4. Which has been your favourite Indian dish?

Jeanne: Butter naan!

Ophelia: 'Chhole bhature'

Baptiste: 'Chai'

5. Which has been your favourite activity organized here?

Jeanne: Art class

Ophelia: 'Bhangra' lessons

Baptiste: March Past

6. Which was the catchiest Hindi/Punjabi word you have learnt?

Jeanne: 'Sat Sri Akal'

Ophelia: 'Shukriya'

Baptiste: 'Haanji'

7. Which is the one thing which would've made this trip better?

Well, a visit to the Taj Mahal!(all together)

8. Which was your favourite thing about India?

Jeanne: Indian mothers! They are so loving and caring!

Ophelia: People are so generous; they don't complain, no matter what you say!

Baptiste: The traditional outfits of the Indian citizens are amazing!

On talking to the escort teachers -

Mr. Mark Gabriel Doudin expressed his love for India and how his visit has been so beautiful and heart touching. He was very happy with the energetic and happy vibes radiated by the people and the students, which make him hope that he gets to come here yet again next year!

Mrs. Bucchera on her first visit to India, described how Indians have been so nice and polite to them, wherever they went. She talked about how well the guests are taken care of and how colourful and enthusiastic Indian music and dance is.

The whole group of students collectively expressed their excitement on being in such a big school with numerous activities and sports, and in a country where the landscape and the people are amazing!

STORY BEHIND THE TROPHY

Dhruv Pandove Trophy for the Best Batsman – The trophy is given annually in the memory of Dhruv Pandove, a former YPS student and an outstanding cricketer. Dhruv passed away prematurely in a car accident in the year 1992. The school hosts the Dhruv Pandove Cricket T-20 Tournament every year in commemoration.

CAN YOU SAY

THIS WITH EASE?

Betty Botter and Two Tooters

YPS HOSTS IPSC SERVICE PROJECT

YPS hosted the IPSC Service Project from November 20 to 24 with teams from six schools participating, apart from the YPS team represented by the students pursuing the gold level of the IAYP programme .

The delegates , escorted by four staff members, made visits to a government primary school in Hassanpur village, situated in the vicinity of Patiala, to carry out the following activities-

- Whitewashing of classrooms
- Creating a play- ground with flower beds and putting up of swings.
- Setting up of a kitchen garden
- Organising games and other physical activities for the students.
- Putting up a PPT on personal hygiene and waste management.
- Distributing of gifts
- Upgrade classrooms by providing teaching aids. These included books, stationery, green boards, chalk , markers and dusters.
- Assisted in the setting up of a small library in the school precincts .



WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS



• A session on admissions to foreign colleges and universities was conducted for classes IX-XII by resource people from EduVelocity . A separate session was conducted for the parents. Another session on preparation for MUNs was conducted by representatives of the same organisation.

• Skype sessions for classes IX and XI were conducted by counsellors from UniVariety .The sessions centred around discussions on courses /colleges options after school.

• Representatives from OP Jindal Global University made a presentation on the courses offered by their institution. The session was attended by the students of classes XI and XII.

• A lecture on ‘Cancer Awareness’ was delivered by a representative of the Cancer Society, Patiala, **Professor Manjit Singh**, former Director, Design, Manufacture and Automation Group of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, Mr. Singh is the brain behind the precision in the radiotherapy machines used by the doctors in the treatment of cancer.

He motivated the students to go for research and think beyond the textbooks. He stressed that innovation is possible only when you question the accepted norms.

INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS

- School team comprising **Tanisha Garg**, XI Arts, **Simarleen Bajwa**, XI Science, and **Pavit Panag**, XI Science, won the All India Haldiram Invitational English Debate held at Gyaanshree School, Noida. The event had 48 students from 16 schools participating. YPS team received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.
- YPS team represented by **Hinam Walia**, IXN, and **Simar Kaur**, IX P, participated in an Inter-School English Debate hosted by Blossoms School, Patiala. Hinam was declared the Best Speaker of the competition.
- A team of eight students participated in the Meraki Lit Fest held at St. Soldier’s School, Panchkula. Students participated in a range of activities. **Raisa Batra**, VIIIE, and **Zorawar Singh**, VIN, stood 3rd in the English Quiz from a total of 25 schools.
- Thirteen students participated in a Hindi declamation and an English Debating contest organised by the Indian Postal Department. **Gunmay Garg**, VIIIIO, stood second in the former whereas **Tanisha Garg**, XI Arts, secured the 3rd position and **Reyaan Athwal**, XE, won consolation prize in the English debate.

ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

- Three students, accompanied by the School Director, **Maj Gen Sanjiv Varma**, and **Mrs. Nandini Varma**, attended a Round Square International Conference held at Emerald Heights School, Indore. The theme of the conference was ‘Sarvodya’(Universal Upliftment–Progress for All) and it had 160 schools from 57 countries participating .

Round square conferences were also attended at Daly College, Indore, and Punjab Public School, Nabha. The number of students participating were eleven and six, respectively.

MUN CONFERENCES

- A team of nine students attended an MUN Conference held at Lawrence School, Sanawar.

PREP SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- **Swimming - Ryansh Garg** of Prep II-N completed the 25 free style event in 00:48;10 at the Inter-House Swimming Meet.
- **Horse Riding: Rehmat Kaur Phoolka** of Prep II O secured the 3rd position in the Sultanpur Lodhi Equestrian Championship dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Gurunanak Dev Ji. She was the youngest participant in the tournament.
- **Germination** - An activity based on germination of seeds was organised in the Prep School. The tiny tots involved themselves in digging the soil in pots, sowing the seeds and watering them. The containers have been placed outside the classrooms for the children to view the growth of their plants. The sense of fulfilment that reflects on their faces in their pleasing smiles says it all!
- **Art and Craft** - An innovative idea of paintings with the use of forks, ladyfingers and water colours was taught to the children. The outcome was a whole lot of tulips and daisies on paper as the enthusiastic children participated in the activity.
- **Pre Number Concepts** - The 'Aakar Pariwaar' World-Our Prep School encourages the use of blocks and shapes to teach pre-number concepts, like sequencing, sorting, skipping numbers and the making of various colourful figures out of the 'Aakaar Pariwaar' shapes. Here the children develop fine-motor skills, enhance creativity and are also encouraged to interact with each other, improve their vocabulary, and improve their social skills
- **Fun Games** – Several indoor and outdoor activities were organised for the children. Hooping on different shapes as the dice rolled, jumping over hurdles, fishing a shape out of a bucket of water and stacking it, were some of them.
- **Picnic** -The day was full of excitement when our enthusiastic tiny-tots boarded the school buses for their annual picnic to the Dhillon's Fun World. It was around 9:15 am when the courteous and helpful staff of the amusement park greeted our kids with a smile and guided them to various sites.

With laughter and giggles reverberating in the air, these five-year-olds were seen riding the toy trains, merry-go-rounds, toy cars, the rides of the bouncy horses, the swinging Columbus, and many more. Their thrill grew many bounds when they entered the scary haunted house. Not to miss, the documentary at the 5D theatre. It was a stroll into the icy wonderland with Santa and the animals!

After a sumptuous tiffin, was the enjoyable discotheque where the children danced on various numbers.

With the teachers and 'aayajis' accompanying them, our children enjoyed every moment. The smile on their faces was a reflection of the merriment of the day!

STAFF NEWS

- **Mrs. Simrit Khatra**, Head, Junior School, attended a Regional Summit organised by ICTRC-Institute of Council Training, Research and Consultancy The theme was 'Management of Behaviour Issues in Adolescence'
- Staff members, **Mr. Anil Bajaj**, **Mr. Dinesh Thapliyal**, **Mr. Parveen Sharma** and **Mrs. Tarinder Kaur**, attended the IPSC Teachers' Conclave held at PPS, Nabha. The theme was '**Cautious Collaboration of Technology in Restructuring Education.**'
- **Mr. Kapil Dev** attended a two day workshop conducted by the CISCE at Kolkatta. The workshop centred around syllabus of ISC Physics and new teaching strategies.

WHAT ARE YOU READING THESE DAYS ?



1) VAANI GOYAL	VII-E	'THE SELECTION SERIES'	KIERA CASS
2) GURKIRPA SINGH SARAO	VIII-O	'ROBERT LANGDON'	DAN BROWN
3) NAUNIHAL SINGH	VIII-O	'A BETTER INDIA: A BETTER WORLD TO LIVE IN'	N.R. NARAYANMURTHY
4) DIVYAM BANSAL	VII-N	'THE RAM TRILOGY'	AMISH TRIPATHI
5) GUNMAY GARG	VIII-O	'THE DIVERGENT SERIES'	VERONICA ROTH
6) MALLIK ARJUN AHLUWALIA	VII-E	'MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS'	AGATHA CHRISTIE
7) GURSHAN SINGH	VIII-N	'HUNGER GAMES'	SIZAINE COLLINS
8) KARANVEER SINGH	VIII-O	'NOW OR NEVER'	CHOUDHARY RAHMATALI
9) SHRESTH SINGH	VII-N	'JASPER JOHNS'	MICHAEL CRICHTON
10) AVRAJ MANCHANDA	VI-E	'BILLIONAIRE BOY'	DAVID WILLIAMS
11) TANISHA GARG	XI-ARTS	'STILLNESS SPEAKS'	ECKHART TOLLE
12) GURMEHAR KAUR	XI Science	'TRAIN TO PAKISTAN'	KHUSHWANT SINGH
13) NIMAR SIDHU	IXE	'THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS'	CHITRA DIVAKARUNI
14) ANANYA SHRAMA	XI ARTS	'THE SIALKOT SAGA'	ASHWIN SANGHI
15) AANYA AHLUWALIA	IVN	'THE RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE'	GERONIMO STILTON

USA TRIP '2019



Hans Christian Andersen rightly said, "To travel is to live". We, a group of 29 students accompanied by two teacher escorts, started our trip with great zeal from school and boarded a flight from Delhi airport to Orlando, Florida.

On the first day, we visited the Universal Studios in Orlando. It inspires its guests to 'ride the movies' and features various

attractions including roller coasters and live shows. Thereafter, on the following day we visited the Orlando Science Centre where we learnt more of reptiles and animals and other phenomena on Earth.

On day five, we attended a four - hour astronaut training session at NASA's Space Centre also known as the Kennedy Space Centre after John. F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States. With this we bid good-bye to Orlando and boarded a flight to New York the following day. On the same day, we visited the Columbia University, which is one of the most acclaimed universities in the world and then spent the evening at the dazzling Times Square. On day seven, we headed for Princeton, New Jersey, where we were taken to the Princeton University which ranks as the number one university in the world.

On day nine, we drove for 3 hours and reached Washington D.C., the capital of the United States, where we visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, the Holocaust Memorial Museum and, of course, the White House.

On the final day of our trip, we boarded a ferry to Liberty Island where stands the Statue of Liberty. The statue was a gift from France to America to mark latter's hundredth independence anniversary. Later that day, we visited the United Nations Headquarters and other landmark places such as the Fifth Avenue, the Wall Street and the World Trade Centre, which has now been rebuilt since the 9/11 attacks.

With this our trip came to an end and we boarded a flight back to India with our bags full of memories to be cherished for a lifetime!

- Paresa Sarao, X-O



BENEFITS OF STUDENT EXCHANGE

Student exchange offers broad based benefits and outcomes for students keen to embark on this international adventure. Most of these are intertwined and come together to constitute the overarching exchange experience.

EDUCATIONAL

- International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.
- Language acquisition is achieved through practical immersion.
- Awareness and adoption of alternative, multi-faceted approaches to learning.
- Analytical and problem solving skills.
- Enhanced interest in global issues as well as a broader general knowledge.

PERSONAL

- Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem. This is often the most noticeable change in the exchange students on their return.
- Maturity and social poise, fuelled by the necessity to confront challenges outside a familiar support network and comfort zone.

- Integration into another family as well as the development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.
- A tremendous sense of accomplishment upon completion encourages students to develop independent opinions, make informed decisions and strive to attain fresh goals.

LONG-TERM

- Students who go on to do tertiary studies find themselves more comfortable in 'foreign' environments.
- Prospective employers in almost every field look favourably upon experience gained while living overseas and knowledge obtained of another language and culture.
- Increased pressure to communicate and relate to others develops an awareness of group dynamics and personal sensitivity towards others.
- Successful program completion represents an excellent measure of personal flexibility, encompassing an ability to reach compromise, focus and succeed through challenging times.

-Mrs. Sangita Malik

COMMUNAL HARMONY WEEK

YPS observed November 19-25 as the Communal Harmony Week.

The following activities were held to mark the occasion –

- Poster-Making competition for classes IV-IX
The best three entries were-
 1. **Renee**, VI E
 2. **Adab Kaur**, VII O
 3. **Kiratnoor Kaur**, VIII N
 4. **Udayveer Singh**, IX E
- Essay writing competition for classes IV-IX
The best three entries received were of-
 1. **Raisa Batra**, VII E
 2. **Samaira**, VIII P
 3. **HinamWalia**, IX N
- Talk in the school assembly by staff and students
- Distribution of Communal Harmony flags to the staff and the students. The amount raised has been donated to **the National Foundation for Communal Harmony**, an NGO that works for the welfare of children rendered orphans in communal, caste, ethnic and terrorist violence.



-by Khushi Dalla, IX-Commerce

„NEVER THE
TWIN SHALL
MEET

Recitation and Elocution –Whereas recitation is replicating of words by memory , elocution is your own version and way of presenting things. The latter relies more on components such as voice modulation , gestures and tone.

A DATE WITH LITERATI - ATTENDING MILITARY LIT FEST



A group of 51 boarder boys and girls from classes IV to VIII, along with three staff members, attended the Military Literature Festival held at Chandigarh. The staff and students attended informative sessions on '*Jallianwala Bagh Massacre and Freedom Movement*' (delivered by author, **Kishwar Desai**, and member of Parliament, **Manish Tiwari**) and '*Ek Aur Satyagarh-Bharat ki Atmake Liye*' (presented by famous TV anchor, **Ravish Kumar**, and former Deputy Chief of the Army Staff, **Lt Gen ZU Shah**) They also witnessed short movies on traditional martial dance forms and exhibitions on books and military artillery.



AT THE DAWN OF THE DAY



At the dawn of the day
I will certainly find my way.
The Sun's rays will freshen my mind,
And surely they will make me understand
How I trusted this world with eyes so blind.

At the dawn of the day,
I will find what I am looking for
As the light clears the sky
It will also clear my path
And help me find the door
I had been searching for!

At the dawn of the day,
I will overcome the obstacles
And find my goal
Which I hope will be quite near
Now, that I have trudged a long way.

At the dawn of the day,
I hope that I will be strong enough to overcome
Whatever lies in my way
And as the Sun bathes the sky
I wish I will also be bathed anew...

Raisa Batra, VIII

A TRUE FRIEND

A true friend doesn't betray you,
But believes in you.
A true friend doesn't fight you,
But fights for you.
A true friend doesn't use you,
But needs you.
A true friend doesn't doubt you,
But trusts you.
A true friend doesn't stand against you,
But always by you.
A true friend doesn't boo at you,
But supports you.
A true friend doesn't laugh at you,
But laughs with you.
A true friend doesn't let you give up,
But helps you to get back up.
A true friend is the one who makes you
Laugh a little louder
Smile a little brighter
And live a little better...



Harbani Kaur Khatra, VIIP

आभार के दो शब्द

त्रैमासिक प्रकाशित होने वाली वार्ड. पी. एस. टाइम्स पत्रिका में हिन्दी भाषा को स्थान देना, विद्यालय के संचालक मेजर जनरल संजीव वर्मा जी का सराहनीय कदम है। उनके इस सहयोग के लिए हिन्दी विभाग सदा उनका कृतज्ञ रहेगा।

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हिन्दी विभाग

हिन्दी भाषा की मात्राएँ अंग्रेज़ी में (अद्भुत तथ्य)

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रास्ते में जंगल दिख गया।
सोचा रास्ता छोटा पड़ेगा,
अंदर जंगल में चला गया।
पता नहीं कब समय बीता,
और जंगल में मैं खो गया।
बाहर से निडर था,
पर अंदर से मैं डर गया।
काश मिल जाए कोई,
हाय बाबा हाय।
इतना रो रहा हूँ,
फिर भी न कोई आए।
सोचा अब बन जाऊँ निडर,
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पर अब मैं क्या करूँ?
काश कोई मिल जाए,
हाए बाबा हाए।
दो बिल्ली, दो कुत्ते,
साथ में दो गाय।

कनवर, 7-N

ज़रा सी खुशी

क्या आप ऐसे इन्सान हैं जिसे घूमना फिरना पसंद है? या फिर आप ऐसे मनुष्य हैं जिसे प्रकृति की गोद में रहना पसंद है? या आपकी ऐसी सोच है कि आपको समुद्र के तट पर बैठना अच्छा लगता है? इस लेख के पाठक इस बात पर गौर करें कि अगर आप इनमें से कुछ भी हैं तो क्या आपको अपने-अपने महत्वपूर्ण स्वभावों के अनुसार इन कामों में खुशी मिलती है? अगर मिलती है तो क्या आप इस खुशी को किसी के साथ बाँटते हैं? यह खुशी, यह प्रसन्नता किसी को बताने लायक नहीं होती तभी इसे 'ज़रा सी खुशी' का दर्जा दिया गया है। मुझे तो कभी-कभी अकेले रहने में भी इतनी खुशी होती है कि मैं अपने-आपको एक आज़ाद पंछी की तरह मानने लगती हूँ जबकि यह तो सोच-विचार करने वाला विषय है कि कोई आपके साथ क्यों नहीं रहना चाहता। अब आप एक बाज़ पर ध्यान देंगे तो वह हमेशा

अकेले शिकार करता है, वह कभी भी झुंड में दिखाई नहीं देता। आपको भी ऐसे-ऐसे कार्य करने चाहिए जिसमें आपके दिल को आपकी प्रशंसा करने का मौका मिले। कई महान व्यक्तियों को गरीबों की सहायता करना बहुत ही मज़ेदार और उच्चकोटि का कार्य लगता है। खुशी एक ऐसा शब्द है जिसे शब्दों में ब्यान करना भी मुश्किल कहलाता है, और दिल की खुशी को साकार करना तो संघर्ष भरा काम है। हमें हमेशा मुस्कुराना चाहिए क्योंकि क्या पता हमारे द्वारा की गई थोड़ी सी मदद दूसरों की खुशी का राज़ बन जाए। बड़े-बड़े काम करने से ही इन्सान बड़ा नहीं बनता। बल्कि छोटी-छोटी पानी की बूँद के बराबर किये गए अच्छे काम भी इन्सान को महान बनाते हैं।

सुहानी सिंगला, 7-N

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