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The Editorial

With the twelfth batch graduating and the new ones coming in with sheer zeal and jubilation; the sweaters being taken off and the fans being switched on; the H1N1 pandemic sparing no one and restricting we poor souls from a whole lot of activities ;the full- fledged house spirit being shown out on the fields; exams taking a toll on those who had a blast this winter; there is a cacophony of joy and nervousness, craze and sanity; stupor and exhilaration. While most of us are churning our brains, trying to study; the others are out into the hockey grounds, basketball courts or the CTDC preparing for the inter-houses in full swing. Every day brings new opportunities with the DMU, Ermitage washroom project, Australian exchange, all happening simultaneously. The petrichor of the occasional rains provide effective stimulus to beat the heat that is to thaw us all. We are finding it more difficult than ever to keep our eyes on the books while our minds are drifting off into all directions and the ADHD being infused in us all. The lethargic ones amongst us are still getting out from their hibernating phase and facing the sun with all their might, keeping their eyes open to grab the opportunities that are available around them all the time. Amidst all of this excitement, we are all finding ourselves, more placid and contented , doing things that make us feel complete. We are all elated and looking forward to the DEMUN, Invitational Debate, the vivacious inter-house activities and finally the summer holidays!

Kritika Kasliwal, XII B

Today I choose life.
Every morning when I
wake up I can choose
joy, happiness,
negativity, pain... To
feel the freedom that
comes from being
able to continue to
make mistakes and
choices - today I
choose to feel life, not
to deny my humanity
but embrace it.

Keayn Aucoin

AN OPINION IN BETWEEN ON THE ROLE OF INDIAN HOMEMAKERS

Today everyone seems to have an opinion on gender discrimination. While we have extremists who frankly advocate the male to be superior to the female, we also have extremists on the other side of the spectrum who believe that their view on women empowerment is so correct that everything else is necessarily to be looked down upon and publicly admonished!



Such people are no asset towards our collective struggle with the core issue here, that of freedom of choice and action: regardless of gender or any other biological or social makeup of an individual. Such misleading elements while correctly spreading ideas of the right of a woman to be economically independent, are contributing towards the destabilisation of the self worth of the lakhs of women who are carrying out the role of homemaker.

In the quintessential Indian family, the homemaker is the strong foundational strength on the basis of which the rest of the family members carry out their lives. The empowerment and appreciation of the role the homemaker is vital; for only when the homemakers are sure of themselves can they in turn provide the emotional and psychological support that their loved ones require. Instead of looking down upon such an occupation, yes occupation as opposed to simply calling them housewives, we need to understand the worth they have in terms of the long run development of our nation and its people. In fact, we also need to be open to the idea of men performing such a role.

Homemakers contribute towards fulfilling most of our social needs – the need to belong, to love and be loved, to understand and be understood, etc.

While, this in no way means that I am against women working in economic units or am suggesting that such women are incapable of playing the role of both homemaker and bread winner in the family; I truly believe that homemakers are the most integral units of our society. And while the reformist extremists display condescension towards them, we have the fundamentalists keeping unwilling women tied to this role. This brings me back to my original point, that of freedom of choice. Whether or not a woman (or even man) wants to be or stay a homemaker, should be their choice: the result of their exercise of free will. Hence, the choice that individuals make regarding this should be respected by people on both ends of this debate, and of course by everyone in between.

Shivani Mangal, XII CIE

PEOPLE PLEASING IS NOT THE ANSWER

Wake up. Brush your teeth. Smoothen down. Get ready. Look beautiful, be delightful, behave in a certain way, don't step out of line. Fulfil the standards other expect of you. Please their whims it will and be fine. People pleasing occurs when one undergoes certain behavioural changes in order to please others.



This might occur due to the subjection of that person to either outright or subtle social pressure to achieve certain standards pertaining to beauty, intelligence and above all, success. Now a days teenagers shape their ideals and dreams unknowingly on the guidelines of what the society feels is the pinnacle of success and happiness: home, hearth, beauty, money and power.

They hence commence on a journey to achieve said goals and then commit the mistake of further being tangled in the web of people pleasing, doing so believing that they (the people being pleased) would return favours. They go to great lengths to meet the beauty standards. Believing themselves to be imperfect, they do whatever is in their power fix whatever they lack in, hence leading to a sense of insecurity of one's body and appearance. This obsession with the perfection of the one's own body lead to Anorexia nervosa and Bulimia.

Hard work, on the other hand is good only until one does it for oneself and not to prove anything to anyone else. People fail to understand that true happiness lies only in loving and understanding oneself and doing what one wants instead of pleasing others.

Being a former people pleaser, I understand the need to prove oneself, but that doesn't give you the liberty to do yourself more harm than good.

Take a break. Learn to love yourself. Appreciate your beauty and the things you are good at. Stop trying to please others. Put your need above others.

Prioritize. Think what you really want to do in life. Is it really a 9 to 5 job that earns you money and no happiness that you want, or do you want something that actually pleases YOU?

Once you rethink you'll realise that all doors are open to those who are being true to themselves.

So learn to please yourself, not others.

Himani Dawar, XII D

EMPATHY

I have had to arrange and then re-arrange a lot of my ideals and beliefs over time, moulding them as I gain a new perspective or acquire new information. However one massive change I have experienced wasn't in a moment of epiphany or a 'aha' or 'oh' moment, in fact it slowly crept on me when I wasn't even watching. It was my view towards empathy and how in the presence of this mighty force even sympathy would kowtow. I have eventually realised that formulating judgments and reaching conclusions are a whole lot easier when we are doing so from an outsider's perspective. When we have to put on someone else's shoes and look at the same situation not as an observer but as that very same person we are exposed to a whole new region. Now, I have an analogy towards the word perspective itself. Imagine the letters that make this word, as 3-D giant sized models, all at the same distance from each other. Now we assume that this cluster of gigantic alphabets lie within every situation and person. But because we only practice sympathy we move so close to this cluster that we are only able to view particular alphabets. Now imagine someone else viewing this same group of mammoth sized alphabets, this person too is so constricted by societal view that even he only sees particular letters. It may be the case that both of these people happen to view it from the same angle thereby having similar opinions but what happens when one is viewing the 'V' while the other person is seeing the 'P'? In this situation both of them will have to agree to disagree because neither of you is wrong but not completely right either. Empathy is not about seeing the few letters through your 'tunnel vision' but attempting to gain access to the bigger picture, to see the rest of it without distancing yourself. You will have to view the whole of this infrastructure from other's eyes as if they were your own. This is what empathy actually is. Looking at things from a view you don't have access to. I could have carried my sympathy all my life and would have been blissfully or painfully unaware of the 'bigger picture' but then, I wouldn't have had the very essence that makes us human.

Saloni Agrawal, XII CIE



CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

One of the most common things about New Year is making resolutions. I often see people making different resolutions. But let's hope for a change at a higher level, at a global level. How exactly should the world change?

Let us hope that a change redefines what humanity is. People say 'Humanity is decreasing by the day. Terrorists deserve to die.' But why don't we ever analyse situations. I once read a line in the Harry Potter series which said 'The world isn't split into good people and bad people because we have both good and bad inside us.

What matters is the part we choose to act on.' So I hope that humanity does not exist only within the good people and it spreads more. To those who mourned for the children killed in Pakistan, I would again quote a line from Harry Potter by Albus Dumbledore. "Do not pity the dead, pity the living and above all, pity those who live without love."

Now, how would one simply expect such changes to occur? So, it becomes obvious that we need to change at our level first and then the world will change.

The first one is easy. Instead of posting hate messages, and saying death to terrorists, just pity them and send a message across the world.

The second one is easier. You know you have divided things in your heart. Start erasing it on your own and spread such a technique.

The third one is similar. Stop imagining war scenarios and calm yourself down. Never think about war and wait for it to go automatically.

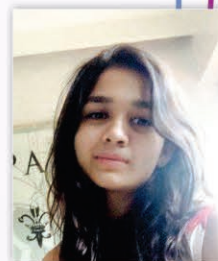
And the final one, start showing hope and start being optimistic. You will see the change.

I might be called crazy for suggesting such vague methods and how can they change the world. But, deep down, you know how to make these vague methods work. Remember'

The day we stop believing that things are possible is the day we've given up on the world.'

Insiya Raja, XII CIE

THE NOTIONS OF HAPPINESS



Ecstasy. Addicts.
Holy abnormalities cannot kill the want. Cannot contain the urge for want.

Not justified by words; not spoken through words; not regulated by social conventions.

Expressions, gestures, languages and art. It isn't pleasure, it's acceptance. It isn't analysed.

Felt.

A squall. A gale.

Knots your life into a twisted knot.

A hurricane. A storm.

Ignites the fire to die a few seconds after bursting into flames.

It isn't meant to be scrutinised. Just to be reckoned with. Droplets of energy circling around you that make you float over a cloud. Or dulls the sparkle grey.

The contention too bitter? The intention too hollow?

Another edifice created by the human mind, destroyed by human nature.

Insiya Raja, XII CIE

KNOWING FACTS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN UNDERSTANDING IDEAS AND CONCEPTS



Every idea, every concept dwells from a fact. Without facts origination of idea and concepts would not have been possible. Facts facilitate the process of understanding ideas and concepts. It would be perversity to try and understand concepts without knowing the facts. If one knows facts, ideas come tripping to his mind and concepts are well understood. A person who knows facts is more realistic and would be called a practical person whereas the one who believes in understanding ideas and concepts first, would be rather imaginative. The two unlike people would have a completely different approach towards life. Not that the imaginative people would make bad choices but the practical ones would definitely make better and wiser ones. The two perceive things differently. Practical people have a

better thought process, they face reality, understand facts which cannot be altered and then take a step forward. The imaginative people overlook facts, live in their own dream world and often take the wrong step and hope for short-term gains. Therefore, it is advisable to see life the way it is, after all the truth does not change and facts help us believe in the truth. Things might seem better in dreams but one has to wake up! It is bitter to know that you cannot always have what you wish for but we can do nothing about it, so it is better to accept things the way they are. Knowing facts would not only facilitate this, it would make us careful about what we wish for. We would then hope for something that can be achieved and can provide true happiness and contentment.

Neha Seth, XII G

DC WASHROOM PROJECT WITH ERMITAGE & DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY

"Washroom for girls is not an event or a building but a mind-set and a lifestyle aspiration for future"
Dr. Sumer Singh



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From the participants...

Bridging the gap between different groups of people.

Making changes through community service

Being confronted to real poverty

Stepping out of the comfort zone

Discovering more and more wonderful landscapes through the windows of the bus.

Discovering a new culture

Bring smiles on faces of the underprivileged

Motivating society to help others.





DC, HOME AWAY FROM HOME



What do you like best about dc?
 -The amount of team (house) spirit and enthusiasm that's there amongst the students.
 How is your country culturally different from ours?
 -The way people think about every occurrence here is highly contrasting.

हेली

How is your school different from ours?
 -It is huge and beautiful!
 One experience you will take back from India?
 -Learning Hindi and being able to use it.

हिसल



What do you like best about DC?

-I love how all the students make you feel so welcome when you arrive and the way till you leave.
 How is your country culturally different from ours?
 -India has quite a conservative society. And there's a lot of respect for elders and ones relatives.

विनीताम

What do you like best about dc?
 -The students are very sweet and people are very adaptable to changes.
 How is your country culturally different from ours?
 -India has quite a conservative society. And there's a lot of respect for one's relatives.



जेरी

How is your school different from ours?
 -DC is definitely bigger than my school at home. Not to mention the number of students! X4 more than in Canada.
 One experience you will take back from India?
 -My favourite memory would have to be my visit to Agra with my host family. The Taj Mahal is so beautiful.



इसबेला



How is your school different from ours?
 -The teachers are more hardworking here. And the students are a little more co-operative.
 One experience you will take back from India?
 -Adapting into a new environment and making new friends.

माइकल

what is your favorite food?
 Isabella: Butter Chicken; Gulab Jamun
 Micheal: Samosa, jalebi
 Cj: Samosa, butter chicken
 Hisel: Poha, chole bhature
 Hailey: Gulab jamun, pao bhaji
 Jerry: Ssamosa, poha



Avijeet Shourya Singh XII CIE

MY FIRST MUN EXPERIENCE



MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations, in which students discuss and debate global issues, such as corruption and the protection of human rights, taking on a stance of a certain country.

DC sends out teams to numerous MUN conferences at schools across the country every year. Each team, or 'delegation', is assigned a country which they represent, and each 'delegate' a different committee, where a certain topic is discussed.

I personally feel that attending an MUN conference is a phenomenal experience which everyone should experience at least once in their school life. The experience I had in my first ever MUN conference was of the VHSMUN 2014. The Conference instilled confidence, updated my knowledge about all the global issues. It helped me to know more about groups like NATO, BRICS and EU. It also helped me develop public speaking abilities, overcome fear of the audience and taught me how to deal with a challenging situation in a diplomatic way.

One of the best things about the MUN is to act as a representative of a country which was totally new to me and support my country in every possible situation. An MUN Conference has its own set of rules and regulations which are to be followed during the sessions. It has many committees, to name a few: CCPCJ, SC, UNDP, UNEP, DISEC, HRC, GA-I and GA-II. The toughest job in an MUN is to prove your point and get your country recognised.

Other than the time spent in the sessions the most exhausting is the research work involved as there's absolutely no limit for the same. The more you research, the more you excel.

There are different points that are raised in middle of the sessions, like The Point of Order, The point of Personal Privilege, Point Of Information, Point of Parliamentary Enquiry, Moderated Caucuses, unmoderated Caucuses and Voting.

All the delegates are expected to draft a resolution with help of their allies at the end of the conference so as to come to a proper solution. Sometimes, in middle of a conference, there is a crisis situation too, and from my point of view, Crisis Situation is the most interesting part of an MUN. VHSMUN taught me things which were totally unknown to me. I would like to thank my mentors for providing me with such a great opportunity.

Devang Surekha, IX B

TRANCE

Pondering if you've ever thought
about capturing our moments
in small Polaroid
or quick snap shots
the way I sometimes
capture my thoughts of you
down in my box of inception
perfectly creased paper
sometimes even on my yellow back.
Would you keep the picture?
If you took one of me
even the worst of pictures
showing me in all of my
uneven, stretched out glory
would you keep it
and let it assault you
like I've kept my poems?
Would you ever remember?
the times we've nurtured,
got mad over and over, have had the
ideal times
Would you remember the juncture?
When you thrashed my paintings,
my thoughts,
left me totally shattered in blink of
an eye?

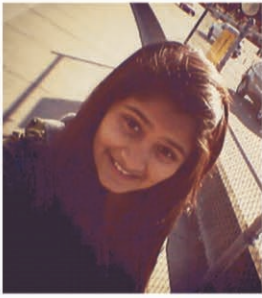


Would you remember the
times?
The times when we were
radiant
like the sun right there
shining bright in the sky!
Would you catch me?
If I am descending,
descending right there,
from the height?
Would you remember who I
was?
Would you remember what we
used to be?
Have you thought about
capturing these memories?
Peony Hirwani, XII G

GEM

Have you ever heard about angels?
Who enter your life and manage to make
everything alright?
One's who take you to places wild and
wide,
and leave you breathless, by your side
Who change your insomniac nights,
and somehow manage to make you smile.
Who take you to places like the Alice's
Wonderland,
and treat you like you're their bonnie and
they're you're Clyde
Who somehow manage to steal every
heart that passes by,
and turn the world around with their
beautiful smile
Who believe in your pneuma and protect
you from all the miseries
and stand by your side in case of any
calamity
Who love you for who you are,
and fight for you, even if they fall apart
Who will always be there for you,
and never depart apart.
Have you ever heard about angels?
Peony Hirwani, XII G

ARE ALIENS NEGATIVE?



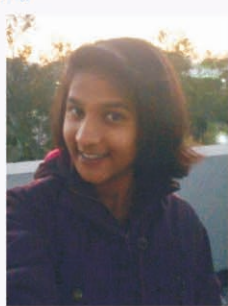
Buildings are collapsing, cars are crashing, people are screaming, shouting and begging for mercy. There is a bloodbath. An alien invasion has occurred and these monstrous creatures are trying to take over our Mother Earth, our homeland and our lives. Suddenly, the US army arrives with a grand plan and saves the day. The movie is over and the lights are turned on.

For some mindless reason, aliens are portrayed as evil beings who are here to end our lives. But have you ever thought for a minute that no harm has ever come to us because of these unknown creatures which live faraway on another planet or maybe in another galaxy. It is human tendency to see something as a threat if we don't have enough information about it and that is exactly what is happening in the case related to aliens. For quite a few decades now, film industries have been showing movies in which there is an alien invasion and it has become a cliché. Watching these movies, the mindset of people has become fixed. We certainly can't criticize a certain kind of beings solely because they are different from us. It will be the same as back benchers making fun of the class toppers. Never judge someone because of what or who they are but love someone for what they are deep down. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once quoted, "Judging's others makes us blind whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just entitled to as we are."

Dia Kapadia, IX CIE

WHEN UNEXPECTED CHANGES HAPPEN

With moments of stress and strain come the unexpected changes which bring about an immense change in our lives. When we accept life as it comes to us, a great deal of anxiety disappears. One of the worst traps is to let change throw you into a mood of despair and hopelessness. Mood swings weaken your ability to win the battle. It's important to find solutions to keep your mind positive and free of negativity.



You should always try and stop the flow of negativity as soon as you are aware of it. Always commit yourself to be happy wherever you go. Whenever you think that your feelings are being pulled down, immediately try to affirm your decision. At times in life, if some of your habits and etiquettes may not be liked by others, you should try to control them, if you cannot change them entirely. This can make a very big difference in your life.

Positive reactions bring positive results. Always be happy for everything that God has given. Have faith in yourself Learn to think more of others.

Shivani Jamod, XF

DESTINY

There is a game called destiny,
Which has tested me beyond its intensity.
Whatever I have achieved has become a waste,

For now people who should glance at them
Are in a haste.

Hard work was an old strategy,
What now lies with me is just a tragedy.
My dream was only what I desire,
Destiny, for me has made it a pacifier.
Being liberated is all what I have learnt.
Shattered is the reputation that I earned.
People tend to be on my side,
But this pressure makes me subside.

I am so low,

For bad luck just doesn't let go.

And finally I can recognise its intensity,
The thing that they call destiny.

Jatin Ahuja, XII E



HONEST LIES

I rise towards the fiery skies
With a heart of sorrow, full of sighs
I rise,

Rise towards a brighter light
Light at the tunnel's end?

It did seem as such

And I pushed, with all my might.

However, all I felt was a silent sting
Around my ankles, I saw a ring

I sing,

Sing about a blissful life

Life that I wanted so much,

Taken without any thought as such

And all I saw was a shadow of my life.

That sting I see, brings out the red

That ring I see, a shackle, tied to the bed
My head,

Head hurts a bit; I search out for a crutch

No support now, it seemed as such

For on my head something hard was hit.

Hanging between two worlds

I realize,

The significance of those fiery skies,

I rise,

Rise above those dreadful lies

About my love that I told my wife

Who was wrong and who was right?

Undetermined, she ended the fight.

Abhinav Pandey, XII D

5 MYTHS ABOUT TEENS



We understand that to any parent a Teenager might seem like that tough jigsaw puzzle that you never seem to put together. One day you feel you have reached somewhere but next moment it is like the colours and shapes of all the pieces have changed and you need to start all over again! So, for all our beloved parents, here are some myths we are busting to help understand your teenager and to get that Jigsaw solved once and for all! Take it as our endeavor to make life easier. As one popular Novelist once said, "There's more myth about teenagers, I realised, than about the entire galaxy of ancient Greek gods and goddesses!"

Myth# 1: Teenagers have not seen the world and so don't know what they are talking about most of the time!

Reality: Just because someone is low on experience does not mean they cannot have a good idea or come up with something new.

You never know where or when a great idea could be presented or by whom. Just because someone is young does not preclude them from having a valid and amazing idea or contribution. We know that all inventions in the world were created by first-timers.

These days we see a lot of youngsters standing up for a cause that they believe in, expressing their thoughts. Shutting teens up by saying their opinion is not needed would just demean the child and not help you gain his/her respect. Remember, "Nothing dies faster in this world, than a new idea in a closed mind".

Myth# 2: The more time they spend behind the screens of their devices, the more antisocial they get.

Reality: Really? All we are doing is connecting with people!!!

Communicating online is an important part of anyone's life. Seeing adults dismiss online communication as less meaningful or un-worthy of our attention and to read articles encouraging parents to limit or ban their teen's access to technology in the name of healthier relationships makes us wonder if we are in a regressive society.

We are the generation of tomorrow, many of us will usher in the new era, we prefer being part of the change rather than change coming and hitting us! We want to be the innovators.

Myth# 3: All their 'text-speak' is making them stupid and they are not learning the 'right' way.

Reality: In fact, the opposite is happening - teen reading and writing skills are being strengthened by the hundreds of words they are sending every day and to so many people.

Myth# 4: Teens live in the present, they have no worries about the future nor do they think about it.

Reality: We are so worried about our future that sometimes we are not able to sleep. We dream about our future and all we need is help and guidance so that we do not regret our decisions later.

Yes, we might not be stressed all the time about our future- we also have a present to take care off! But we do have searching questions like 'Which subjects do I choose from?', 'is what I want to do, something I will love?' and so many more. We have all kinds of concerns and questions which might not be very well directed, that's where we need guidance. In fact, we are all the time looking for Role Models- People we want to look up to and emulate.

Myth# 5: These days teenagers have no respect for privacy!

Reality: Actually, we know when our private life becomes our social life. It is just that our meaning of privacy might be very different from yours.

Most teens grow up using social media, and because of this they understand extraordinarily well how to be private in a very public space. You are much more social (online or offline) than your parents were!

'Teenager' may be a convenient label but choosing an item by its label is no guarantee that it fits. The hard truth is the world always had people between 13 and 19 and always will. Teenagers will always be there and so will parents. As a team, we both are unbeatable... Look at us, we just solved a very difficult Jigsaw puzzle.

Ambica Ahuja, XII G

THOUGHTS OF A WRITER



When a writer writes, he pours out his heart and soul through his words. He personifies every emotion and makes you a part of his soul, his mind and himself. He gives away his precious thoughts to make sure that even though he won't be with you; his words will keep him remembered. He picks his pearly word from the most forbidden seas, to decode questions in the ocean of thoughts. He designs a world of good and bad, of love and hatred, of peace and war and most importantly a world of unfelt emotions that he lets you feel on his behalf.

But, not everyone is lucky enough to have a porous heart like his, that does not let any feeling be it joy or pain, unfelt. If you are as lucky as him do not let it go. Your emotions never make you weak, they rather immune you.

Sumiran Goel, IX F

HER...



I moved like a maniac,
Violently playing my violin
All sweaty and infuriated,
Creating a great symphony.
But it all came back to her,
Her beautiful green eyes,
Like the sacred garden of Eden
Were, oh! So green,
That I could wander in them all my life.
But that day, they were red,
Blood red, with anger, with fear,
She was so restless.
And then I heard a deafening gunshot.
She was then still,
Her eyes back to green,
Her hair lying elegantly on her chest,
Her skin cold as the winds of the dark
Ladakh.

It has been twenty years since then,
And I still think she chose wrong.
But that, was all in the past,
In the present... her killer plays a
violin

Abhinav Pandey, XII D

UN SÉJOUR EN FRANCE

Instead of spending my winters at home in snug blankets and cribbing about the cold, I decided to go on an AFS exchange for 7 weeks to France

Arrival in Paris at 7 am in was swingingly cold! I was received at the airport by an AFS volunteer and then met the other delegations from all around the world at the "SejouràParis" center for an orientation They told us about all the French conventions to ease out the difference for comfortable adaptation. Starting from "La Bise": the French way of greeting- cheek to cheek. We also covered the most important aspect which was communication. In France, the major problem I was about to face was conversing with the people. But learning French for 4 years did not go in vain. Just after a week or two, I was conversing with them fluently.

After the two-day long orientation at Paris and clicking tons of photos at the Eiffel Tower, on the 7th of December, I was in a train on my own to meet my host family in the north of France: Bavay. Both excited and nervous, I was welcomed by my host family and a lot of people from the local host chapter. Then they had a small celebration at my arrival with the French delicacies

The following day was my first day of school, which passed satisfactorily. I was in "Lycée Général"- high school where the medium of teaching was French and there was a lot of emphasis on other languages like Spanish and German. I also went for Latin classes which I termed as incomprehensible!

During my 2 month stay in France, due to the long weekends, habitual free time and the most generous host family, I was able to pick up a long lost hobby: Art. Both of my host parents were teachers of art. Contemporary art was their passion. So they taught me how to bind a book and I made my own journal! Then they taught me something more complicated the art of "Lidography".

I also learnt Lithography which origins from the medieval period when the drawing was graved on the stone. So, I used the paper to make the comic aside, I also had the pleasure to do ice-skating, biking and going to the circus school and learning the unicycle and trapeze.

I even went to a junior school to give a presentation on India to show our country in its richest form.

This was all possible because of my host mother. **She always said -"C'est vraiment bien de boujertoujours par contre de faire rien!!- Its always better to keep moving rather than doing nothing.** After spending two months with a family, visiting places, cooking together, laughing, eating, sleeping, playing, celebrating and bonding together, I feel I have two families now: In two different countries with different beliefs and ways of living. But as loving, caring, helpful and thoughtful as one could think of. This nexus is shatterproof and imperishable. And this eternal bond will make me cherish all the indelible memories forever. I would like to thank the Principal Dr. Sumer Singh, The Dean of Internationalism Ms. Badhwar and AFS India and last but not the least my TWO families for letting me have this opportunity of a lifetime.

ÀBientôt France....

Avijet Shourya Singh, XII CIE



Know Your House

TAGORE HOUSE

Tagore House is one of youngest boys house of the school and is the second of the two day boarding houses, the other being Jawahar. Early it was a part of Jawahar House but later the increasing strength of the house led to formation of Tagore House.

The house colour is orange which signifies courage and boldness. The house is symbolized by the mighty bull.

It is named after Rabindranath Tagore, who is the first Noble Laureate for Literature from India. He was awarded the Noble Prize for literature in 1913 for his book Geetanjali. He has also written national anthems of two countries: India and Bangladesh. He is remembered as a great author and his literary contributions are immense.

The first housemaster of Tagore house was Mr. Navneet Solanki who served till 2011. Presently, Mr. R.C Chitle is the housemaster of Tagore house.

Vaibhav Parik, XB

INDIRA HOUSE

Formerly known as the DB (day boarding) girls house, Indira house is the oldest girls house of DC. It was renamed after the death of Indira Gandhi in the year 1984.

The house got its name from Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi. She was one of the strongest political leaders of Independent India, she was the first woman to hold the office of the Prime Minister. Popularly known as the Iron Lady of India, Indira Gandhi earned a formidable reputation across the globe as a 'statesman'. Her sheer sense of politics and exceptional skills catapulted her position in the Indian politics, so much so that she went on to become the first woman elected to head a democratic country. the office. She was a phenomenal woman who still inspires many people across the globe.

The first House Mistress was Ms. Sarita Badhwar and the current HM is Mrs. S. Dominic. The house staff and the students both are working hard to keep up the glory and spirit of the house.

Sanghamitra Singh Piploda, XII G

Must Visit Places in DC.

- Desai Lake at night
 - The bridge at Pre-Primary School
 - The Seven Bungalows
 - Darbar Hall
 - School Library
 - The path behind Junior School
 - Green Centre at around 6pm in the evening
 - The Scindia Pavilion early in the morning
 - Lawns of Sr. Bharati House
 - The Shooting Range
- Peony Hirwani & Kritika Kasliwal, XII

Junior School

Newsletter IV - 2014-2015

The month of February 2015 was packed with activities with a mixed feeling of anxiety as the assessments were approaching. Class VI students excitement was double fold as they were going to the senior school. A special assembly was organized for them and special titles were given to some children. Class VI students made a video as a tribute to all teachers.

Ananya Jain

Sanskrit and French Recitation:

Sanskrit and French recitation activity was held on 4th Feb. 2015. It was amazing to see the children recite shlokas with such ease and fluency. This shows their passion about the subject.

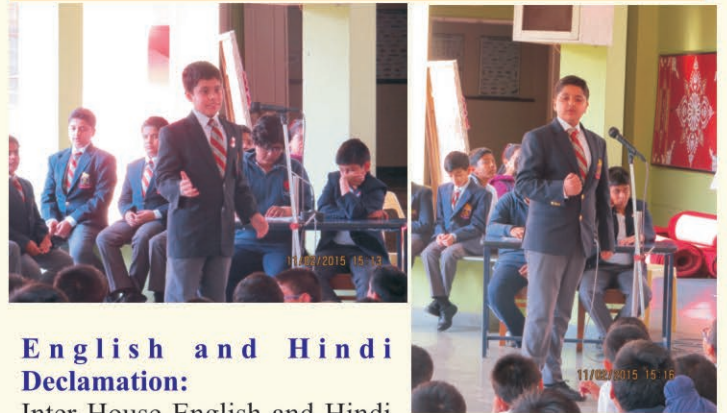
Ananya Jain



Crossword Solving:

14th February 2015 was a treat for all eyes as the students of classes I to IV made crossword puzzles of their own as well as solved the puzzles given to them in the class.

Ananya Jain



English and Hindi Declamation:

Inter House English and Hindi Declamation was held in the Jr. School on 18th Feb 2015. Beautiful pieces of legendary poets and writers were learnt and delivered by the children.

Anvay Sethi

Dreaming Off:

It is a different feeling to dream of what a person wants to become. 7th February 2015 kept the students of classes 1 to 4 busy penning down their thoughts on what each one would like to become. There were many numbers of doctors, astronauts, teachers and even chefs.

Aanika Chandhok

3rd Inter House G.K. Quiz

Third Inter House G.K. Quiz was held on 10th February 2015. Different rounds were prepared and conducted by teachers of different departments. The various rounds included picture quiz, entertainment round, games and sports, being patriotic and Yadien - 2014. It was indeed very interesting quiz.

Ranvir Singh Chhabra



Quiz for classes I to III

The Daily Quiz Questions were put together and given to the students of classes I to 4 on 21st February 2015 to solve which was quite a challenge for all as the questions were asked daily in the morning assembly. It was quite a task but nevertheless there was great enthusiasm among all.

Anvay Sethi

History of the tournament.

Started in 1930 Kishangarh Shield Tournament was initially played between the senior schools of Mayo College, Ajmer and the Daly College, Indore. Later Scindia School Gwalior joined and it became a triangular tournament. The Doon School joined in 1982 and it turned to be a quadrangular tournament. Now it is played among the Junior Schools of Mayo, DC and Scindia. Unfortunately Scindia could not participate in the tournament this year. This year it was a four day tournament hosted by the Daly College, Indore.

Day 1- 12.02.2015 Thursday

The Meet was declared open by Principal, Daly College Dr. Sumer Singh. On the first day hockey match was played, in which Mayo won by 6-1. All 6 goals were scored by Shreesh Kumar of Mayo and DC's sole goal was scored by Mayurdhwaj Singh.

Day 2- 13.02.2015 Friday

On the second day cricket and football matches were played. In cricket DC won by 13 runs and Aditya Jain scored 63, Aryaman Budhrani 33 and Suryaraj Singh 20 runs. Sanyam Pal scored 52 runs for Mayo. In Football Mayo defeated DC by 2 goals. Goal scorers were Kunal Sinha and Shreesh Kumar.

Day 3- 14.02.2015 Saturday

On the third day hockey match was played and Mayo won by 2-0. Goal scorers were Shivam and Shreesh.

Day 4- 15.02.2015 Sunday

Cricket and football matches were played. In cricket Daly College won by 10 wickets. Mayo gave DC a target of 81 runs which DC matched in the 14th over without any loss. In football also Daly won by 2-0. Both goals were scored by football captain Aniruddh Yadav.

The closing ceremony was conducted after the football match. The chief guest of the ceremony was General Surendra Kulkarni, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) Principal, Mayo College Ajmer who gave away the prizes to the winners. Salim Khan Cup for cricket was won by DC. H.L. Dutt cup for hockey was bagged by Mayo and Principal's Cup for football was shared by both the schools. Overall Kishangarh shield is shared by both the schools. On the evening of 15th a grand cultural show was put up by both the schools which was appreciated by one and all. The cultural show was followed by Principal's dinner. During the tournament senior dignitaries like Principals of DC and Mayo College, Senior Vice Principal Mr. R. Potty, Headmistress Jr. School Mrs. R. Ahuja, Bursar Mr. Harshvardhan Singh, Deans Mr. Ansari, Ms. Badhwar, Mr. Dharam Verma and Mr. G. Everett were present.

'A trophy carries dust, memories last forever.'

Indeed at the end of the day, good and fond memories is all that counts- winning or losing , is just incidental.

Ranveer Singh





Dance Performance

The students of classes IV to VI enjoyed an entertaining presentation of Dance by some of the talented dancers of the Jr. School on 25th February 2015. The little ones came up with different styles of dancing like Classical, Lyrical Hip-Hop, Contemporary and Bollywood. All the performances were truly fantastic. The participants carried incredible aptitude for their dance. Well done children !!!

Ananya Jain



Skype Session:

A Skype session was organized on the 26th of February 2015 for the class 4 students with the partner school 'Peel Hall'. Both schools were eager to interact with each other. Pen Pals coming face to face brought a smile to all. The students shared so much- hobbies, food, national symbols, school Motto, favourite visiting place, favourite subject ... The session lasted for an hour and the students went home very happy after the interaction.

Ananya Jain



NIIT Intra School Math E Magician Event

NIIT Intra School Math E Magician event Oral Quiz Competition was conducted in the Junior School assembly hall on 28th February 2015, Saturday.

Students of class 3,4,5 participated in the competition. Following children were the toppers in the written Examination

- Class 3- Avneet Kaur Bagga
Vivaan Gautam
Ronit Dey
- Class 4 Sambhav Jain
Pragun Gupta
Advay Goyal
- Class 5- Sahil Saleem
Abhiraj Patwa
Kabir Krishna

Medals and certificates were awarded to the winners by the Headmistress in presence of Dean Jr. School and members of Mathematics Department.

Ananya Jain

RESULT OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

III Inter House G.K.Quiz- 2014-2015

Held on 10-02-2015, Tuesday

POSITION	HOUSE	SCORE
1ST	Jawahar House	130
2ND	Vikram House	70
3RD	Ahilya House	65

Inter House Hindi Declamation

Competition Held on 18.02.2015

POSITION	HOUSE	SCORE
1ST	Tagore House	112
2ND	Ashok House	109
3RD	Ahilya House	104
4TH	Vikram House	98
5TH	Jawahar House	96
6TH	Indira House	94
	Bharati House	
8TH	Rajendra House	75

BEST SPEAKERS

1st	Bhasha Barjatya	(AH)	-	59
2nd	Kushagra Mittal	(T)		
2nd	Safiullah Saif	(T)	-	56
2nd	Harman Bagga	(J)		

Consolation**Soham Kapil Pachauri, Atharva Yeole, Utsav****Kaushal Ranjan****NSTSE Results Jr. School - 2015****Class : 1**

Student's Name	State Rank	All India Rank	
Daksh Bhatnagar	13	757	City Topper
Tanishk Motwani	33	2020	Third Ranker
Taranjyot Singh Bagga	20	1116	Second Ranker

Class : 2

Aadit Jain	45	1681	Third Ranker
Shaurya Marwah	37	1499	Second Ranker
Vanshika Sangla	9	474	Class Topper

Class : 3

Avneet Kaur Bagga	19	1751	Class Topper
Yuvraj Agrawal	32	2512	Second Ranker
Bhavamanyu Vaibhav Agrawal	93	5165	Third Ranker

Class : 4

Prithvi Sudeep	13	890	Class Topper
Sambhav Jain	23	1453	Third Ranker
Amanjyot Singh Bagga	16	1038	Second Ranker

Class : 5

Abhiraj P Patwa	19	1428	Class Topper
Mehak Kulkarni	58	4004	Third Ranker
Siya Arora	45	3230	Second Ranker

Class : 6

Harman Bagga	0	100	Congratulations! National Achiever(Top100)
Shalavya Vaibhav Agrawal	37	2885	Third Ranker
Ranvir Singh Chhabra	7	1135	Second Ranker

Inter House Declamation (English) Competition- 2014-2015 Individual Ranking

Names / Class	House	Total	Indiv. Rank
Rudra Saigal	Tagore	89	1st
Pradyuman Chandok	Tagore	85.5	1st
Vedika Dubey	Indira	85	2nd
Aanika Chandok	Ahilya	83	3rd
Rudransh Gupta	Ashok	77	4th
Ridhiman S. Jaiswal	Rajendra	77	4th
Aadya Kedia	Ahilya	75	5th

Little Achievers

'Janith Madhok ' won the award for 'The Most Promising Player' at the Indore Open Tennis Tournament held at Residency Club, Indore.

PRE-PRIMARY

As is common knowledge, the scenario at the pre-primary remains full of life. Even with the session end, we were still abuzz with activities. Studies certainly took a front seat but fun and frolic still went hand in hand.

As fun trip to the toffee factory was planned before we got down to serious studies. Children were thrilled and fascinated to see how one of our favorite things comes into being! The trip to the zoo for our PKG children would have been equally exciting if had not been cancelled due to the swine flu epidemic!

The excitement level remained high all around as the children remained excited and motivated to move to the bigger classes.

Our tiniest tots of PKG, having gained more knowledge and confidence, felt ready to take on the class of LKG. They were gleeful about having learnt their share of what their great minds can hold. Having learnt about phonics, numbers and their lovely surroundings in the past year, their transition remains smooth.

LKG children could not contain their enthusiasm at being the senior most children of the pre-primary. They worked harder as the idea of going to a bigger class kept them motivated enough. Having worked to their full capacity they finally learnt to read and write and the excitement showed in every word they could read independently.

The biggest transition remained that of the UKG children as they moved to class I, away from the cocoon that is the pre-primary. The parents, children and teachers parted ways on an emotional note at the last PTM. The children were sad but yet excited about kick starting their lives at the junior school.

With the children moving to the next class, this term was an emotional ride but we are once again back to being excited as we again gear up to welcome our new additions of the pre-primary!

Looking forward to yet another year of fun and frolic, since we are a colorful bunch indeed!!