



# ECHOES OF SMC KANPUR

ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, KANPUR

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear students, teachers, parents and friends*

Children ensure the continuity of human race. God appoints parents, family and teachers to take care of these children at various stages of their lives. It is the prerogative of those entrusted with the care of these children to give them the best upbringing in the given circumstances.

While the elders do not pressurize the children to pursue their (parents') dreams and ambitions the children too need to exercise responsible freedom in making choices in life especially with regard to values, studies and careers.

Every child is endowed with great potential. Like seeds students need the right conditions and nurturing to give expression to this great potential within them.

In St. Mary's we give the students every opportunity to

grow as competent and committed individuals capable of guiding the destiny of their own lives and those of others especially the less privileged of our society. Through our commitment to the children and a vision that makes things happen, we ensure a better tomorrow for our students.

Through this issue of our school bulletin we would like to familiarize you with some of the many activities and events that take place in the little world of S.M.C.

With my best wishes to one & all.

Sr. Evelyn CJ



## EDITOR'S MESSAGE



*"There is a great deal of difference between an eager man who wants to read a magazine and a man tired who wants a magazine to read".*

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Sr. Evelyn and the school staff for having faith in me and finding me

capable enough for the post of 'CHIEF EDITOR'.

If you have that much propensity and predilection towards reading a great magazine then I as the editor assure you that 'SMC TODAY' is the quintessence of a magazine filled with dollops of talent that draws the reader to it.

For the first edition, the theme chosen was 'IN PURSUIT

OF EXCELLENCE' and therefore, our prolific writers have surely ameliorated their writing applying a little elbow grease to present you an iridescent magazine. The more - than-ever emphasis on ORIGINALITY has given a new dimension assuredly taking readers to the writer's own world of imagination.

Moreover this issue has witnessed young achievers, who in search of their individual talent, have brought glory to the school.

*"You know you have read a good magazine when you turn the last page and feel a little as if... you have lost a friend."*

ENJOY READING!

Shivanshi Gupta, Chief Editor

## HEAD GIRL'S MESSAGE

"Someone has rightly said, "You may leave school, but it never leaves you."

As I stepped into my last year, filled with memories of my time in this institution in which I have burgeoned and have been burnished by my teachers, I added yet another happy memory to my list of fond moments in this school: the moment when I walked down the hall after being declared the Head Girl of this school.

I will always be thankful to the staff and management of the school for placing their priceless trust in me, and while I may not be perfect, I will always try to live up to my duties to the best of my capability.

St. Mary's Convent is a unique and an extraordinary school which has always tried to educate its children, not only in the sphere of academics but also in the aspects of their social, moral and cultural ethics. It has always tried

to acquaint its students of the wrongdoings in the society, and has always encouraged them to fight against the unjust in a world where the idea of an El-Dorado is a chimera.

Dear friends, today, it is us who have to stand tall and bright: the beacons of light who have to lead ourselves and the country into a better future. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in this world."

Today, it is us who have to listen to his words and excel in whatever we do, for only then will we find the world excelling in all prospects of life. Today, we should stand up and thus, begin our "Pursuit of Excellence".

Lavanya Kohli, Head Girl





## INVESTITURE CEREMONY



*The tumult and shouting dies-  
The captain and the kings depart-  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
A humble and a contrite heart.*

***Lest we forget – lest we forget.***

Rudyard Kipling, through these lines manifests the eminence of humility, which was one among the many qualities that everyone desired in the office bearers for the year 2012-2013 at the Investiture Ceremony on 28<sup>th</sup> April this year.

The day witnessed some young achievers who did not only bring glory to their parents but also proved themselves as 'Leaders' who have the proficiency to guide others on the right path in accordance with the school's rules and regulations. The ceremony commenced with an assembly conducted by class 12B, where the students prayed to God to bless the captains with the indispensable attributes of allegiance, steadfastness, probity etc. followed by the oath taking of the office bearers in unison.

Standing there on the stage, all that I could think were the lines of Anna Ahnmatova-

*"as if I were a river*

*The harsh age changed my course*



*Replaced one life with another  
Flowing in a different channel  
And now I recognize my shores."*

Yes, these were the exact emotions of all the captains who could easily summarize their twelve years of journey in school in that short span of time. Entered the premises as shy girls we were now ready to show the way to others. This realization came to us with the cognizance of the fact that now it was no longer about 'me' but about 'we'. It seemed as if we had grown suddenly and were ready to shoulder all the responsibilities that came along with the charge of the office. All of us were ready to take up challenges and surpass all obstacles so that we could keep up the shine of the badges that had been given to us by our Principal.

Moreover, seeing the gathering which consisted of our gratified parents gave all of us immense pleasure. They had tears of joy in their eyes because of the fact that they were now known by their girl's name. Thus, this eventful day strengthened in us the feeling of doing something for them and for our school discharging our responsibilities in the best of our abilities.

*Shivanshi Gupta, 12-A*

## MAY DAY

How many people do remember what we celebrate on 1<sup>st</sup> May? You ask them about 1<sup>st</sup> January, they give you an answer. You ask them about 1<sup>st</sup> April, you'll surely get an answer. But when you ask about 1<sup>st</sup> May, the spontaneous answer would be, "Why, do we have anything on 1<sup>st</sup> May?"

However, we here at S.M.C. clearly understand the significance of 1<sup>st</sup> May. To commemorate the social and economic achievements of the workers this day is celebrated throughout the world as the 'Labor Day'.

In order to show their gratitude and thankfulness to the helpers at our school, class 11 decided to celebrate 1<sup>st</sup> May as a special day for them. These people who are the foundation of our school and who have been working relentlessly only to make things easier for us, definitely deserve a day for themselves.

Firstly, class 11 organized an assembly for them, thanking God and asking Him to shower his blessings upon them and



their families. There was a prayer dance along with a Hindi hymn, which definitely created an atmosphere of calmness around them.

Soon, there was a change in the serene atmosphere as the quietness and calmness transformed into sounds of laughter and joy. No one gives a second thought when it comes to having fun and playing games. The workers played many games and were awarded prizes for it. The first game which they played was to balance a lemon on the spoon, followed by a guessing game and musical chairs. All of us were overjoyed when we saw their faces withered with age and hard work, lit up like a little child's face. We were surprised to see how the seriousness vanished from their faces as laughter and giggles were heard. In the end, winners were given gifts along with some presents meant for all of them.

The program ended on a happy note and I felt very fortunate that our school gave us an exceptional opportunity to make the day special for the 'REAL HEROES' of our school.

*Srishti Chaturvedi, 12-A*



## Give & Live

"The unique personality which is the real life in me, I cannot gain unless I search for the real life, the spiritual quality, in others. I am myself spiritually dead unless I reach out to the fine quality dormant in others. For it is only with the god enthroned in the innermost shrine of the other, the god hidden in me will consent to appear."  
- Felix Adler

The 'truth' easy to read, not that hard to understand but next to impossible when it comes to implementation. Not anymore, not until I, myself saw the vivid manifestation of these words in flesh and blood. It is in Sr. Lata, Mother Superior of SMC, Kanpur that I see the words come to life. I could simply go on talking, telling, writing about her qualities and attributes but that won't be enough.

5<sup>th</sup> May proved to be a propitious day for our school as we celebrated Sr. Lata's birthday. The day began with



welcoming sunshine and smiles for Sr. Lata. Sr. Lata was invited to the morning assembly as the chief guest. The morning assembly had a speech given by Ms. P Shukla, prayers and hymns and hundreds of birthday wishes from the middle school and primary school students.

The latter part of the celebration was a prayer service conducted by class 12-C. The prayer service began with a vandana dance followed by a comparison of her attributes with diverse objects like books, candles,

bouquets and a window. A short musical role play symbolizing her transition from an ordinary person to the messenger of God was followed by a self-composed poem which was recited in her honour. The prayer service was followed by dynamic and exciting dance performances by the students of the primary wing. The celebration concluded on a happy note as the class representatives presented their tokens of love to Sr. Lata.

The most admirable part of her personality is her calm temperament and understanding nature. It is by observing her that I learnt a significant lesson – "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – in the words of Sir Winston Churchill. Our surroundings are not a three dimensional space to walk in and about, it is the reflection of what comes from you.

Mahima Vinodia, 12-C

## AN ORIENTATION FOR TEACHERS



*To look is one thing  
To see what you look at is  
another  
To understand what you see is a  
third  
To learn from what you  
understand is still something else,  
But to act on what you learn is  
really what matters.*

- Education Dispatch

Learning is a never ending process. We teachers come across a wide spectrum of young minds and hearts. They are in our hands to make or mar, to evoke dreams or shatter hopes, for their potential is boundless.

An inspiring orientation was held for teachers on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2012 organised by Ratna Sagar Publications. The resource person was Ms Avneet Kaur who conducted the workshop on how teachers should deal with students in class. She commenced the session by asking what challenges are faced by children in the class. The teachers came up with many which were categorized into four groups. Ms. Kaur gave us a questionnaire in which we had to show our preferred response style. At the end of the exercise it was apparent that majority use the advising response. She explained the importance of the other response styles which will surely

help the teachers to deal with behavioural problems that occur in the classrooms. She

stressed on the fact that it is essential to adopt the strategies of prevention and early intervention to help the students strengthen their weaknesses.

The orientation ended with a touching power point presentation which showed how a teacher can make a difference in a child's life. Certain points were highlighted as they would benefit in the psychological development of a child. An example of THE ICEBERG was given. Just as we see only the tip of it and cannot fathom its depth, so also in the class we see a small percentage of the child's problems. We should delve and probe deeper to search, find and understand the root of their problem and thus help the child to find an emotional balance. Another thing that was stressed upon was to be aware of a Child's Rights and uphold them. This would help us to be a democratic teacher.

We are thankful to Sr. Evelyn for giving us the opportunity to attend such an enlightening and interesting workshop.

Ms. N. Bhaumik





## Bringing Laurels to the School

On July 14, 2012, St. Mary's Convent was honored to host a Felicitation Ceremony in order to commend the hard work of its students and their exceptional performance in this year's ICSE & ISC Board Exams, 2012.

The ceremony was held in the morning in the basketball court after the Morning Prayer assembly. Sr. Evelyn congratulated the seniors and Class 10 ICSE toppers, followed by Sr. Lata, who gave away the awards to the girls who had scored 90% and above in their ISC Boards. The top three scorers of Class 10 were also rewarded. Among the seniors who were applauded, Bhargavi Dwivedi received a special token of congratulations for accomplishing the unexpected and stupendous feat of not missing school for even a day in her entire school life.

Afterwards, the previous Head Girl, Aanchal Singh was invited to speak, and in a nostalgic moment, she extended a special "thank you" to Sr. Evelyn for "being there" and "making every student feel important".

This small but significant ceremony was SMC's way of showing students that it appreciates and thanks them for



what they do for the school. These students have brought the SMC family honor and praise, and for that, it is grateful to them, and extends its deepest and most heartfelt wishes to all its students.

After the ceremony, I was delighted to have a chance to talk to some of our seniors, and this is what they had to say:

Aanchal Singh: "SMC has always rewarded me. It has given me lots of love. I love it so much. I will always be thankful for whatever it has done for me."

Saniya Najeeb: "I owe my success to my school and my teachers. To the students, I would just like to say that they should always be strong and determined. Hard work and efforts are always rewarded."

Bhargavi Dwivedi: "Always be regular to school. It makes you punctual and responsible. And you get to learn something new every day."

Nidhi Chapparria: "I am thankful to the school and to all my teachers. They played a great role in supporting me. Work hard, do good and never lose hope."

*Lavanya Singh, 12-C*

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## CAREER-A PROGRESSION OF ONE'S WORKING LIFE

Deciding what career to choose is a big question for us students, choosing the career according to one's aptitude is very important to succeed in life. This is even a bigger question for the students of class 11 who choose their respective streams. This is their first step towards their future career. But it is a long way to go and the confusion does not end here and no decisive result is reached as to what we should choose as our career, what is its scope in future and so on. The questions never end.

Many of the confusions and doubts about our career were solved when we had a Career Counselling Session on 17th July this year. Career counselling is helping out students to select a course of study that will help them to get a good job in future, a career that is suited to their aptitude and interests.

We were helped by Mr. Shailendra Saxena, a C.A. from The Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Through this session he made us aware of what chartered accountancy is and who a chartered accountant is. He acquainted us with the course that has to be undertaken for this career.

He started the session by asking us the question "How many of you want to become a C.A.?" The answer to this question was a 'yes' by many students who were eager to become C.A. in future. As he told us about the course, many of us after this session were inspired to become a C.A.

It was a very informative session for all the students and we would not have been able to get this information and to some extent clear our mind of the confusion without the support of Sr. Evelyn, who has always encouraged all such activities in our school that truly helps along with our academics. So I would give my sincere thanks to Sr Evelyn for providing us with this opportunity.

*Priya Kyal, Nivedita Sood, 11-A*



## MY EXPERIENCE AT THE INTER SCHOOL COMPETITION



I was new to the school and every event was a novel experience to me. Selections for the Inter-school English Recitation Contest were to be held after the summer holidays. I practised hard over the last week of my summer holidays. My mother helped me bring out expressions and modulate my voice while reciting a poem. It was a long

poem and I struggled to remain in breath and in given time.

To my extreme joy and excitement, I was finally selected along with another girl of class IV from a group of fifteen contestants to represent my school in the coming competition. I was filled with pride and a sort of nervousness at the responsibility I was to shoulder. The

contest was to be held at our school though the judges were from different schools.

On 20th July, there was a nervous excitement amongst all of us. First the members of Group A recited the poem and then it was the turn of Group B. I was a little scared at the beginning but slowly my confidence grew and I recited the poem well within the time limit. After this we all waited with bated breath for the results but they were to be announced only after the refreshments. Finally when they were announced, I was disappointed that I could not win a prize for my school, but happy that I was richer in experience and consoled by the thought that I would be better prepared the next time. My teacher echoed my thoughts and said something which will stay with me forever "It is the joy, excitement and sportsmanship of participation that counts and not the end result alone".

*Mallika Singh, 5-A*

## THE NOT SO DISTANT TERRITORY - BIOLOGY



Ever since the Big Bang, our world has evolved into a prim and proper society. In the process of evolution, we have fabricated some very deeply rooted myths. One such myth in the field of science is "Biology is a distant island". Ever since science became a major stream among career choices, Biology has been

thought of as an isolated career. The complexity and the vastness of the subject and also not to mention the tedious nature of the subject (though I'm not in favour of these last few words...) makes it a less popular choice among the students.

On 4th August 2012, the science students of class 11 and 12 attended a counselling session held by Dr. Anjali Bajpai, a post doctoral researcher at IIT Kanpur. She was here in the school to share her experiences and brief us about the new courses and the various changes that have come up in science stream courses. She completed her schooling from our very own institution. At present, she is one of the lead scientist at IIT Kanpur and the Nottingham University project.

After the introduction, the very first thing we heard from her was, "Biology is not an isolated territory". She enlisted a variety of courses - Bionemetics, Biophysics, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Systems Biology, Bio-

management, Bio-engineering and a few others. All these courses are available in India and have firm establishments and guaranteed placement opportunities. There is a lot of scope for success, individually and otherwise. Due to such new course versions the clichéd ideas have been put to an end. Now a mathematician and a biologist, or a physicist and a biologist or a computer specialist and a biologist can work together as a team on the same project. She urged us that research work should be a primary career choice and not kept as an alternative. Being a scientist is a noble and, I must say, a marvellous profession where every day is anew and every morning afresh.

A fact that we recently learned, funny or disgusting, I'm still in a dilemma to say that. Alright, so here it goes. Did you know that we humans are 85 percent 'HOUSEFLIES'. What I mean to say is that the human genetic code is 85 percent similar to that of a housefly. Yes, we humans that walk on two legs and have two eyes are similar to the somewhat repulsive two-winged (I suppose...) creature that we swat and strike often.

On the whole, the session was interesting and interactive. Dr. Bajpai was every bit a true St. Marian. Her demeanour and her personality were like neon signs telling the obvious fact. Having her here with us was an immense pleasure. The information that we got was very helpful and it extended our knowledge about many more options.

*Mahima Vinodia, 12-C*





“जहाँ  
डाल-डाल पर  
सोने की  
चिड़िया करती  
हैं बसेरा,  
वह भारत देश  
है मेरा।”

परतंत्रता की जंजीरों से मुक्त होने के बाद भारत एक कुसुम की भांति फल्लवित हुआ और अपनी सफलता की सुवासिता को घुँटों और व्याप्त किया है। हर क्षेत्र में भारत ने उन्नति एवं सफलता प्राप्त की है। चाहे वह विज्ञान हो, शोध हो या खेल का क्षेत्र हो। यहाँ तक की भारत ने अपनी सफलता का परचम आकाश में भी फहराया है। भ्रष्टाचार जैसे दीमक को भी जड़ से मिटाने के लिए हम भारतीयों ने आवाज उठाई है।

“वक्त आ गया है, भय मुक्त समाज बनाने का,  
भ्रष्टाचार मिटाने का, अपना फर्ज निभाने का।”

हमारे विद्यालय में भी 66वाँ स्वतंत्रता दिवस बड़े ही जोश एवं उत्साह के साथ मनाया गया। सर्वप्रथम विद्यालय प्रांगण में प्रार्थना सभा का आयोजन किया गया। ध्वजारोहण मुख्य अतिथि श्रीमती एस. सक्सेना द्वारा किया गया। उसके उपरांत कक्षा 9-12वीं की चार सदनों की छात्राओं के मध्य प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हुआ जिसमें उन्होंने स्वतंत्रता संग्राम से संबंधित ‘लघु नाटिकाएँ’ प्रस्तुत की। विद्यालय में एक तरफ यह चल रहा था तो दूसरी ओर कक्षा 6 से 8वीं तक की छात्राओं के मध्य विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं (कक्षा-6 स्वतंत्रता गीत, कक्षा-7 डेक्लमेशन (भाव से भाषण), कक्षा-8 में अमर स्वतंत्रता सेनानी की तस्वीर बनाकर उनके संदर्भ में लिखना था) का आयोजन हो रहा था। लघु नाटिकाओं में प्रथम स्थान गोल्ड हाउस ने, तो द्वितीय स्थान रेड हाउस ने एवं तृतीय स्थान ब्लू हाउस ने प्राप्त किया। सबके श्रम ने सफलता का रूप ले लिया था।

प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के मुख पर आजादी की प्रसन्नता थी और उनके मुख से आजादी के गीत निकल रहे थे। हम विद्यार्थियों का कर्तव्य है कि आजादी की इस ज्योति को सर्वदा प्रज्ज्वलित होने दें और इस आजादी के परम सुख का आनंद उठाएं।

पुष्पांकी दीक्षित, 12 स



स्वतन्त्रता दिवस का प्रथम सफर था,  
पन्द्रह अगस्त का पावन दिन।

इस दिन आजादी के फूल खिले थे,  
जिसकी खुशबू से महका हिन्दुस्तान।

आजादी के वीरों ने घर-आँगन गुलजार किये,  
उत्तर-दक्षिण-पूरब-पश्चिम, देश कर दिया रोशन।  
अंग्रेजों की गोरी सेना ने मानी अपनी हार,  
आजादी के रखवालों को, करते हम नमन।

स्वतन्त्रता दिवस का प्रथम सफर था,  
पन्द्रह अगस्त का पावन दिन।

अदिति गुप्ता, 5 अ



## एक अनमोल अनुभव

परिस्थितियों के सम्मुख मनुष्य कितना विवश हो जाता है, इसका अनुभव हमें पहली बार तब हुआ जब हम, बारहवीं कक्षा की छात्राएँ 11 अगस्त को अपनी आदरणीय कक्षा अध्यापिकाओं के साथ श्याम नगर में स्थित एक वृद्ध आश्रम में गए थे। इसका नाम 'स्नेहालय' था।

वहाँ पहुँचकर हमें जिन स्थितियों से दो-चार होना पड़ा, वह हमें विस्मयनीय कर देने वाली थी। यह वृद्ध आश्रम जैसा कि नाम से प्रतीत होता है, उन वृद्ध लोगों के लिए समर्पित है जो अपने घर में रहने के लिए स्वीकार्य नहीं हैं। अनगिनत मुश्किल परिस्थितियों के कारण उन्हें यह नया घर अपनाना पड़ा और वे अपने मूल परिवार को छोड़कर यहाँ बस गये।

वहाँ जाने के उपरान्त, वहाँ की संरक्षिका ने हमें उन वृद्ध लोगों से परिचय करवाया जो दो हिस्सों में रह गये थे— एक में वृद्ध महिलाएँ और दूसरे में वृद्ध पुरुष। कुछ क्षणों के लिए हमने उनके साथ नृत्य व आगोद—प्रमोद में हिस्सा लिया। हम अपनी ओर से शिष्टतावश कुछ उपहार जैसे— चीनी, चाय पत्ती, साबुन आदि ले गए थे।

उन कठिन परिस्थितियों में रहते हुए भी हमें, उनके चेहरे पर

सौहार्द व प्रेम झलकता दिखाई पड़ा। हमें अपने जीवन में इनसे बहुत कुछ सीखकर आत्मसात कर सकते हैं। अंत में मैं यही कहना चाहूँगी कि—

“पल में छाँव है, तो कभी पल में धूप,

आज यदि सुन्दर, तो कल है जीवन कुरूप,

दुखों से उग्रकर अगर सुखी है तुमको रहना,

तो नई साकारात्मक सोच के साथ बनाओ इस जीवन को  
गहना।”

देविका श्रीवास्तव, 12 बी



## IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

HOW DO OUR EYES WONDER  
AT SEEING THE ACHIEVERS?

WHY DON'T WE REALIZE THAT HARD WORK  
CAN ALSO MAKE US WINNERS?

LOSING IS NOT AN OFFENCE  
**HARD WORK** IS THE FIRST KEY TO EXCELLENCE  
MANY A WARS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT, BUT  
COURAGE CAN NEVER BE TAUGHT  
MANY A BATTLES HAVE BEEN WON  
THE MEN WHOSE HOPES ARE SHATTERED  
CAN ALSO REACH THE SUN

THE RELATION OF VIOLENCE AND  
PEACE IS DENSE  
**COURAGE** IS THE SECOND KEY TO EXCELLENCE  
CLOUDS OF HURDLES NEVER SEEM  
TO GET CLEAR  
BUT EACH OF THEM BRING THE SKY OF  
SUCCESS MORE NEAR  
MISUNDERSTANDING YOU WHEN  
EVERYONE HAS GONE  
KEEP YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART  
AND HOLD ON

STAND AGAINST THE DANGERS THAT COMMENCE  
**DETERMINATION** IS THE THIRD KEY  
TO EXCELLENCE  
WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
BUT WITH GREAT POSITION,  
DON'T LEAVE YOUR SENSITIVITY

IN THE GLITTER OF MONEY AND STRENGTH  
DON'T LOSE YOUR HUMANITY  
REMEMBER YOUR GOODNESS AND  
FORGET YOUR VANITY

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND  
USE YOUR MORAL SENSE  
**HUMILITY** IS THE FOURTH KEY  
TO EXCELLENCE  
AND WHEN MY FRIEND, THE PRECIOUS FOUR  
KEYS HAVE BEEN FOUND  
EXCELLENCE WILL FOREVER BE YOURS,  
SAFE AND SOUND



## THE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS



18<sup>th</sup> August every year is a day of immense joy and pleasure for each one associated with St. Mary's Convent, Kanpur as it is the Feast Day of our dear principal Sr. Evelyn.

Few people in life leave as indelible a mark as our dear Principal who has always been a source of support and guidance for all of us. And so to celebrate this special day for Sister, the students of class 12-A conducted an assembly to express their gratitude for her. It was indeed a beautiful beginning when the students, through an enactment, depicted how Sister was inspired by her patron- St. Helena and how she pledged to walk on the same path, as a devotee in the service of humanity. They showed virtues that Sr. Evelyn possesses and how the bouquet of her life becomes

colourful and attractive. The skit on Sr. Evelyn's life and dance performances by the blooming buds of the junior and middle school added a sparkle to the celebration. The program concluded with the presentation of greeting cards and bouquets which had the fragrance of our love for Sister. The portrait of Sr. Evelyn made by 'Shivangi Bajpai' of class 12-A was one of the most beautiful gifts presented to her.

Thus Sr. Evelyn's Feast Day was a day of happiness for the whole SMC Family and so we pray that Sister always remains under the special care of the Lord and continues to enlighten us forever.

*Devashri Mehrotra, 12-C*

*Priya Agarwal, 12-A*



## THE BEST COSMETIC

**The best cosmetic,  
For the lips is truth  
For the voice is prayer  
For the eyes is pity**

**For the hands is charity  
And for the heart is love.**

*Shambhavi Vishnoi, 8-A*



## S.M.C. - The first school in Kanpur to launch its Online Library

St. Mary's Convent High School, Kanpur inaugurated the e-care online library in Kanpur on 27th August, 2012. The function was inaugurated by the Principal of St. Mary's Convent, Sr. M. Evelyn CJ.

e-care library will include the e-books and learning games which will enable the students and teachers of St. Mary's Convent High School to enjoy the reading of a vast collection of books, magazines etc, available in the school library while sitting at home. They can search the books storage and see the latest books available in the library of the school without wasting their money on purchasing books from store. Along with this, students can also access educational games which are helpful in learning. Teachers and students can play these

games by entering their unique e-care ID and password on school's website. By having this online library facility, there is no need to go to the library. Besides, the library is available at the student's home now. This facility saves the precious time of the students.

School Principal, Sr. M. Evelyn CJ informed the students that this new technology and facility is developed by the Franciscan Solution Pvt. Ltd., Greater Noida, which is committed to provide the modern sharp edge cutting technologies to the school and online library is one of them. The school is having other e-care services also.

*e-care Team*

### TEACHERS' DAY

*With a special gift of learning,  
And with a heart that deeply cares,  
You add a lot of love,  
To everything you share.*

*This is what, dear teachers, our hearts speak out on this auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day. It was an honour for us, the students of class 12, to organize the Teacher's Day programme, hosted by Srishti Chaturvedi, Priya Agarwal, Shania Butol and Kratika Garg. They all infused a comic element in their compering.*

*The programme commenced with a prayer assembly conducted by Class 11 to ask God's blessings to be bestowed upon our teachers so that they may enjoy a long and healthy life. We had organized an entertainment programme for the teachers as a token of our love for them. The teachers were then conferred with the 'We Love You' awards. To enhance the entertainment quotient, there were three dance performances - Bhangra, Retro and Remix by class 12. To rock the stage with their cute dancing, we had students of class 2 dancing to peppy songs. To add to the fun, we had a game organized for the teachers - 'The Angry Birds' which was won by the teachers of the Junior Wing. As a token of our appreciation, we presented them with customized mugs.*

*Everything went off well and the programme turned out to be a great success which was the reward for the effort put in by us. From the very day we*



*started preparing for this year's teachers day, we all had mixed feelings of joy and nostalgia... it was our last Teacher's Day in school and we wanted to make it as memorable for our teachers as we could for those teachers who held our hands when we were small, gullible and hardly knew anything. They stood by us in all these twelve years, making us feel at home always. Thus, when given the responsibility of conducting a show to commemorate the services of our selfless teachers, all the students did their best, exhibiting their love for them. This Teacher's Day will be cherished by us throughout our life.*

*Shruti Agarwal, 12-A*

### विदाई समारोह

नियत कुरु कर्म; कर्म जयायो हि अकर्मणः।  
भासीरयात्रादिकं चतनो प्रसिद्धयेदकर्मणः॥

8 सितम्बर 2012 की प्रातः काल को विद्यालय के प्राधन्यासमा के स्थल पर हमारे दो श्रमिक भाइयों को विदाई दी गई। इस विदाई बेला पर हमारे विद्यालय की छात्राएँ, शिक्षिकाएँ, सिरटर्स और प्रबंधकों की तरफ से विदाई समारोह आयोजित किया गया।

श्री रामू एवं श्री फूलचन्द ने 40 वर्ष से अधिक समय तक कड़ी मेहनत और ईमानदारी से विद्यालय में कार्य किया है। इनकी निष्ठा एवं कर्तव्य प्रसाधनता अवर्णनीय एवं अनुकरणीय है।

श्री रामू ने 42 वर्षों की सेवा से हमारे विद्यालय के वातावरण को स्वच्छ बनाने



में एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है तो वहीं श्री फूलचन्द एक राजग प्रहरी की भौति हमारे विद्यालय की रक्षा में कार्यरत रहे हैं। इनकी कर्तव्य निष्ठा को सम्मानित करते हुए श्रीमती एस. बगर्जी ने इनका आभार व्यक्त किया। समारोह के अंत में एस. एम. सी. परिवार ने अपना स्नेह एवं सम्मान प्रकट करते हुए प्रतीक स्वरूप उपहार भेंट किए।

हम सभी की परमपिता परमेश्वर से यह प्रार्थना है कि उनका आगामी जीवन पुष्पों के सदृश सर्वदा सुवासित रहे। उनके जीवन में कदापि कण्टक रूपी विपत्तियों का आगमन न हो। उनके विलक्षण एवं अपूर्व योगदान का यह एस. एम. सी. परिवार सर्वदा ही कृतज्ञ रहेगा।

*निवेदिता सूद, 11 ए*



# THE HUNT FOR TALENT BEGINS...

*"A tower of nine storeys begins with a heap of earth, a journey of a thousand success stories starts from where one takes the initiative"*

In pursuit of excellence, this year SMC began with the club activities to bring out the true talents of the students. In order to accomplish this objective our principal, Sr. Evelyn introduced clubs in the Middle and Senior Wing of the school. The purpose of introducing these clubs was to intellectually stimulate the students, raise their productivity and nurture their talents. It has been observed that the clubs have been successful in their endeavor so far.

In total there are twelve clubs, namely the **Literary, Gk/Quiz, Debating/Declamation, Dramatics, Computer, Science/Maths, Eco, Choir, Instrumental, Dance, Fine arts, and the Sports club.**

The Literary club with its aim, to strengthen the vocabulary and sharpen the memory of the students has achieved its objective in acuminating their retentive power especially with regard to spellings, making them realize the relevance of speaking accurate English through various interesting activities like spell-bee, spider's web, jam etc.

The Gk/Quiz club with its motto, 'reach for the stars' has also been effective in creating general awareness of the local/national and international events/sports/personalities etc. , via quizzing, puzzles and intelligence games.

The Debating/Declamation club has helped the students to develop effective speaking skills, generating confidence in them, thus eliminating stage fear, improving their memory and developing a co-ordination between their thoughts and expression. The Dramatics club with its motto, 'All the world's a stage' has been enhancing the

acting ability of the students, helping them to overcome their shyness through activities like play, mono-acting, mimicry etc.

The Computer club with its aim to impart knowledge of real world challenges related to information technology has helped the students to understand the technical aspects for preparing a presentation, thus making them familiar with new devices and electronic gadgets used with the system. The Science/Maths club has developed mental aptitude, conceptual clarity and applying scientific and mathematical concepts in daily life through quizzes,



experiments and model making. The Eco club has also fostered a spirit of understanding and caring for the environment, also serving the school and community through PPT, documentaries, street plays etc.

The Choir club, on the other hand, has encouraged the students to bring out their talents- solo or group singing and to create their own lyrics

and compose their own music. The Instrumental club has inculcated in the students a sense of rhythm and melody, while the Dance club has made the students aware of the need to be physically fit, graceful and express their emotions to convey a message to the audience.

The Fine arts club has taught the students to transform a simple thing into a thing of beauty through painting, embroidery, remodeling etc. while the Sports club has made them physically and mentally fit, developing team spirit and true sportsmanship in them.

Thus, these clubs have been of significance in making the students aware of what is happening in the world, at the same time enhancing their mental aptitude and physical strength bringing out their inner talents.

Srishti Chaturvedi, 12-A

## GRAMMAR COTTAGE

There is a beautiful cottage called Grammar in the city of English. There are 8 members living in it.

1. Noun - Noun is the father who does the main work.
2. Pronoun - Pronoun is the elder son who takes the place of his father in his absence.
3. Verb - Verb is the name of the mother who does the work of the Grammar Cottage.
4. Adverb - Adverb is the younger son who is always behind his mother and commenting about her.

5. Adjective - Adjective is a daughter who keeps on commenting about her father.
6. Conjunction - Conjunction is the Grandma who brings peace between Adverb and Adjective when they fight. She always joins them.
7. Preposition - Preposition is the Grandpa who always tells about their position within the cottage.
8. Interjection - Interjection is the family friend who exclaims at the time of need.

Adya Pandey, 6-C



## THE REALITY OF A STAR

It's a common saying that 'Life is not fair' and most of us agree with this fact. Some people seem to have everything in life; money, popularity, friends, beauty, brains-a totally perfect life. But this is not necessarily true because as, 'Beauty is only skin deep' the same is with wealth and fame. It all looks perfect and flawless. But this flawless building of our success stands on the crushed feelings and disappointment of people who were often the ones close to us. Such people never get true happiness in their lives. So was the case with Rashmi. It's her life from which all of us should take a lesson.

As she walked out of the classroom and into the corridor, the noisy chatter of the students subsided and everyone turned to look at the 'Star student' of the school. She was aware of these glances and looks of admiration which her fellow students gave as she passed by. People had an uncontrollable urge due to which they couldn't help but look at her as if she was a goddess and even she was enjoying this special attention. Well, whatever the case may be, it wasn't her fault that she was rich, popular and pretty. Rashmi was a beautiful girl of eighteen. She had long black hair, dark as the night and big eyes blue as the sea and a peach-coloured complexion. Rashmi belonged to a very wealthy and noble family.

Her father was a well-known industrialist and her mother ran many NGO's in the city. Besides beauty and wealth, Rashmi was brainy as well

which was the root cause of everyone being jealous of her. Everybody envied her and fumed at the thought that she was the favourite student of the teachers as well and came first in her class every year. Her parents were very proud of their dear daughter. Everybody was very happy and it seemed that life couldn't be any better when suddenly her life changed forever. It all started when the time came for her to choose her profession. Her parents had in mind various professions like doctor, engineer, IAS officer and all the other respectable professions that would suit their family's rich heritage. But Rashmi on the other hand had different ideas. She aspired to become a model. But when she expressed her dream to her parents they were shocked and disappointed and forced her to change her decision. But Rashmi was not to be suppressed. She revolted and when after many attempts her parents did not agree, she made up her mind to run away from her home to the city of her dreams, Mumbai. She tricked her parents into believing that she was at a friend's house and secretly boarded the train to Mumbai.

After two days when she reached Mumbai, her excitement knew no bounds and she was very optimistic and underestimated the difficulties that lay ahead. She, being a spendthrift, spent all her money on clothes and accessories and so she didn't realize the need to save money. She attended many interviews of advertising agencies and movies but faced only rejection due to lack of

experience. She was now in deep trouble. She had no money and had to wait at tables in restaurants to earn a living. She realized the importance of parents and started missing them. But when she tried to contact them, she found that they had gone abroad after their only daughter had deserted them. So there was no way of contacting them. She was repenting the day when she had opposed her parents.

And that's when luck started to favour her. After two years of struggle, she got her first break in a fashion show. She caught the eye of many directors and fashion designers. She started getting many offers to do movies and shows. After a year, she reached the peak of her career. She had broken the record for the fastest growing star. She now had everything she had ever dreamt of but still she was not happy. She lived in a mansion with plenty of rooms but no one inhabiting them, she had wealth but no one to share it with and she had fans who worshipped her but still she felt alone and abandoned. Her one mistake and rash decision had made her life full of pain, remorse, emptiness and sorrow. She used to think in a gloomy and dreary mood "how I wish that I had listened to my father and had not left the house!"

Maheya Jamil, 8-A  
Inter School English  
Story Writing  
Competition Group B  
1<sup>st</sup> position



## Amazing Facts:

- 1) A full grown bear can run as fast as an adult horse.
- 2) Money is not only made up of paper it is also made up of cotton.
- 3) In 1830s, the tomato ketchup was sold as a medicine.
- 4) China has more number of English speakers than United Kingdom (U.K.).
- 5) At once a female anaconda can give birth to 'Sixty' baby anacondas.

Ojaswita Chaturvedi, 7-B



## A Change of Heart

As the day advanced from evening to twilight, the astrologer, seeing that the area was almost deserted, started packing up his equipment as he got ready to depart from his workplace – under the banyan tree located near the Durga Temple. He was not really a fortune teller. Actually, he was not at all acquainted with the science of astrology.

But somehow, his mystic attire and paraphernalia convinced his customers, who flocked to him. The astrologer thought that all people were self-centred; they had nothing to think about except themselves. This assumption was based on the fact that all kinds of people who consulted him presented him with similar questions. Questions related to monetary gains...

As he was about to leave, he saw a man passing by. The latter had a worried look on his face. The astrologer caught up to him and tried to persuade him to have a small talk with him. "I can give you many answers; provide you solutions to overcome your worries."

Even after receiving a negative reply, he continued pestering the man, who got irritated and said, "Sir, I do not need any answers. I am satisfied with everything that the Almighty has given to me. I have full faith in him." Saying this, he walked away.

The astrologer was too puzzled to go after him any further. Never once in his two-decades-spanning career had he come across such a person. He had always thought of all people as being greedy. The words of the stranger – "I am satisfied" echoed in his mind continuously. "Now that is a rare and intriguing personality", he thought, "Quite weird", and went his own way.

After a few days, this incident was completely forgotten. But some weeks later, as he was walking towards the temple, the astrologer heard a familiar voice. Trying to trace its source, he found himself peering into a small house through a window.

As he focussed, he realized that it was the same stranger whose peculiar statement had baffled him. He was giving tuitions to a handful of teenagers. As the astrologer looked

on, he was surprised to see the amazing devotion of the stranger towards his profession. His patience seemed endless as he explained the lessons to the children.

After some time, the children departed and a woman entered the room with a cup of tea in her hand. She said, "Almost a year has passed since that fateful incident took place. We still cannot make both ends meet. What are we going to do?"

Her husband assured her, saying, "Have faith in God. I will soon have a proper job and I will be able to fulfil our needs." The astrologer was in a quandary. He found himself knocking on the door which was flung open by the same gentleman who recognized him at once.

They exchanged pleasantries and the stranger introduced himself as Mr. R.K. Gupta. The astrologer popped his question immediately, to which Mr. Gupta patiently replied – "My son was an army officer, who was martyred as he was trying to rescue the victims of the 26/11 attacks. He was my only son... And also one of the most honest and God – fearing people I ever knew. After his death, the only source of income in our household is my retirement pension."

"But I still do not understand", said the astrologer. Mr. Gupta explained, "I am satisfied. I could have, if I wished, adopted unfair means to earn money; but I do not wish to hurt the feelings of my late son. He died doing a noble deed; his good deeds should remain untainted. I work hard for a living and I am certain that I will receive positive results for my efforts."

The astrologer departed after a while. He thought, "I have, since so many years, been living the life of a con man; practically looting people of their money, while some people strive so hard to make both ends meet. Now I will also take up a profession which I can practise with my head held high..."

*Aditi Awasthi, 9- A*

ICSE/ISC English Story Writing Competition  
Group C  
2<sup>nd</sup> position



## A WARM WELCOME BY THE SENIOR WING

Going to the Senior Wing means we are grown up girls and are capable of taking up new responsibilities. I was very excited to come to the Senior Wing. In the Junior Wing, we were the seniors but now we are the juniors.

On the first day of my new session i.e. 2012-2013 I was so excited that I quickly dressed and prayed to God that I would have no difficulty in the Senior Wing. When I reached the school gate and saw my friends, I was overwhelmed with joy. I was happy to get Sec. 'C' in class VI but unfortunately my close friends were not in the same section. I got wonderful teachers for all my subjects but especially I was impressed by my new class teacher as her

command over English is superb. We all were anxious to know our houses. I was given Gold House (it stands for 'Effort Spell Success'). Surprisingly I was made the Captain of Gold House. Now I knew that I would have to shoulder extra responsibilities.

I made a resolution of fulfilling all my duties on time. I also promised myself that I would study hard and participate in all the activities. I pray to God to help me to fulfil all my wishes in class VI and to be judged by my teachers as one of the best students of the class.

*Arundhati Grover, VI-C*



## कहानी लेखन प्रतियोगिता

13 अप्रैल 2012 को सेंट मेरी आर्थोडक्स विद्यालय में “अन्तर्विद्यालय प्रतियोगिता” का आयोजन हुआ था जिसमें 18 विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया था। दिव्या सिंह ने ग्रुप- बी में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। उनकी कहानी इस प्रकार थी।

### जहाँ चाह वहाँ राह

एक बार की बात है, रोमा नामक एक बहुत ही होशियार एवं बुद्धिमान लड़की एक छोटे से गाँव में रहती थी। जब वह चार साल की थी, उसके पिता का देहांत हो गया था। घर का सारा खर्च रोमा की माँ चलाती थी। इस कारण से वे लोग बहुत गरीब थे। रोमा की माँ ने पैसे की कमी होने के बावजूद भी रोमा की पढ़ाई में कभी भी कोई रुकावट नहीं आने दी थी। वह रोमा को एक अच्छे विद्यालय में पढ़ाने के लिए दिन-रात मेहनत करती थी और तब जाकर उसके स्कूल की फीस भर पाती थी। रोमा हमेशा अपनी कक्षा में अव्वल रहती थी। बचपन से ही उसके दिल की यह इच्छा थी वह बड़ी होकर डॉक्टर बने और गरीब से गरीब लोगों का इलाज करे। बेसहारा लोगों को सहारा दे और पीड़ितों का कष्ट दूर करे। यही उसके जीवन का लक्ष्य था। अपने इस सपने को पूर्ण करने के लिए बचपन से ही वह कड़ी मेहनत करती थी।

जब रोमा दसवीं कक्षा में थी, तो उसके और उसकी माँ के जीवन में एक पल ऐसा आया जिसने रोमा की जिन्दगी को पलट कर रख दिया। रोमा के प्रधानाध्यापक ने उसे और उसकी माँ को अपने ऑफिस में बुलाया।

“मैंने आप लोगों को यहाँ इसलिए बुलाया है क्योंकि मैं आपसे पूँछना चाहता हूँ कि आखिर आपने रोमा की फीस अभी तक भरी क्यों नहीं। कल से रोमा की दसवीं कक्षा की परीक्षाएँ आरम्भ होने को हैं और आप जानती हैं कि अगर आपने आज पैसे नहीं भरे तो रोमा परीक्षा नहीं दे पाएगी।” प्रधानाध्यापक ने कहा।

रोमा की माँ के आँखों में आँसू आ गए। उन्होंने रोते हुए स्वर में कहा, “मैं आपसे क्षमा माँगती हूँ परन्तु मैं क्या करूँ? मुझे नौकरी से निकाल दिया गया है। मैंने अपने जान पहचान के सभी लोगों से पैसे माँगे परन्तु सभी ने उधार देने से इन्कार कर दिया। अब आप ही बताइए कहाँ से लाऊँ मैं पैसे? इतना कहकर वह फूट-फूटकर रोने लगी। रोमा की आँखों में भी आँसू आ गए।

दोनों की यह हालत देखकर प्रधानाध्यापक को दया आ गई। उन्होंने कहा, “मैं नहीं चाहता कि रोमा जैसी होनहार बच्ची की पढ़ाई में कोई बिघ्न आए। आप पैसे की चिंता न करें। रोमा, मन लगाकर पढ़ना और पूरी लगन के साथ परीक्षा देना। तुम्हारी फीस मैं जमा कर दूँगा।

यह सुनकर रोमा और उसकी माँ आश्चर्यचकित रह गए। उनकी खुशी का ठिकाना नहीं रहा। उन दोनों ने तहे दिल से प्रधानाध्यापक को धन्यवाद दिया।

रोमा ने कड़ी मेहनत और पूर्ण लगन के साथ अपनी परीक्षाएँ बहुत ही अच्छे से दी। वह और उसकी माँ बड़ी ही उत्सुकता से परीक्षा का परिणाम जानने की प्रतीक्षा कर रहे थे और जब वह दिन आया तो रोमा का जीवन खुशियों से भर गया। उसने पूरे प्रदेश में सबसे अधिक अंक प्राप्त किये थे। यह रोमा का अपने लक्ष्य की ओर पहला कदम था। वह और उसकी माँ खुशी से फूले नहीं समा रहे थे। तभी फोन की घंटी बजी और रोमा की माँ ने फोन उठाया।

“जी.....हाँ.....हाँ, अवश्य.....  
.....आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।”

रोमा ने अपनी माँ से पूछा कि क्या हुआ तो उसे पता चला कि उसे शहर के प्रसिद्ध एवं सर्वोत्तम विद्यालय की ओर से स्कॉलरशिप मिली है। उसकी खुशी का ठिकाना न रहा। अब उसे विश्वास हो गया था कि वह निश्चित ही अपना सपना पूरा कर पाएगी और वह पूर्णरूप से सही थी, उसने अपना सपना पूरा कर दिखाया। वह एक प्रसिद्ध एवं जानी-मानी डॉक्टर बन गई। उसने अपना पूरा जीवन दूसरों की पीड़ा एवं दुःख दूर करने में लगा दिया। उसने अपनी राह में आने वाली हर कठिनाई का सामना डटकर किया और यह साबित कर दिया कि “जहाँ चाह है, वहाँ राह है”।





# Young Achievers 2012-2013

name	date	Participated in	Prize won
Simran Jakhodia - 6 B	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Art Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Zainab Wahaj - 10 A		ISC/ ICSE Interschool Debate Competition	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
Muskan Malik - 6 C		Regional Casio Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Yogita Saraf - 6 B	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Brain-o brain	Silver Medal
Aishwarya Sharma - 6 A	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dance Competition	Certificate-Group B
Ojaswita Chaturvedi - 7 C	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Drawing Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> prize
Vatika Singh - 7 C		Singing	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize-KIT 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize-Kanpur Idol 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize-UP Idol
Shivanshi Gupta - 12 A		ISC Inter-school Debate Competition	1 <sup>st</sup> prize (Best Speaker)
Lavanya Singh - 12 C		ISC Inter-school Debate Competition	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize (Best Speaker Runner-Up)



Lavanya Sahu, a student of class 2C is a child prodigy. She not only is an exceptional dancer, but also very quick at mental maths. It is a treat to watch her dance. She has won applause of the spectators wherever she went for the performance. She has brought laurels to our school by bagging many awards and trophies.

She is the recipient of the following awards:

Dance India Dance Season 4 ~

She stood **2nd**.

Group A Category of Mirchi War of Talents ~

She stood **3rd**.

U C Mas State Level Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2012 ~

She bagged the **Champion Award**.

## LIVING THE DREAMS ...

"Because an empty room... can be so loud... there's too many tears.. to drown them out.. so HOLD ON.. HOLD ON..."

Listening to this song on my iPod, I often used to wonder - How the life of a celebrity was? Were they the same as they are in their concerts and movies? How were the Jonas Brothers in reality? All these questions did come to my mind. I had always been a great fan of the Jonas Brothers and their music but I had never expected to work with them and be a part of their team.

As every fan does, even I had joined almost every community and fan club of the Jonas Brothers. One day while surfing the net, I incidentally had a chat with Joe Jonas (the lead vocalist of the Jonas Brothers) on a celebrity-fan chat through MSN. I was very excited by this amazing opportunity. I told him about my compositions and how I was inspired by their music. Not only a good singer but also

a great person, Joe Jonas showed great interest in my compositions and music, and appreciated me. The chat ended on a happy note and it was etched in my mind as a great experience.

One day in February, I received a mail from Joe Jonas himself and attachment of a contract from Team Jonas to write for them and work under the guidance of the most popular singer in Hollywood, Adam Levine.

Since then, being in contact with the Jonas Brothers for their next album has been a great experience and a dream come true. In these few months, my life has changed a lot and now I do believe in the saying "Dreams do come true but only those which I stand through".

Aditi Verma, 10-C





## मेरा प्यारा भारत देश

“हिन्दुस्तान” जो विभिन्न भाषाओं और संस्कृतियों का प्रदेश है। मुझे गर्व है कि यह मेरी जन्मभूमि है। जन्मभूमि की गरिमा जन्मदात्री के ही समान होती है।

भारत के हजारों सपूतों ने इसी आजादी के लिए अपने प्राणों की आहुति दे दी तब जाकर हम एक स्वतंत्र राष्ट्र को प्राप्त कर सके। हजारों वर्षों से हमारे देश पर अनेक कठिनाईयाँ आयी और गम के बादल भी छाये फिर भी हमारी संस्कृति आज भी वैसी ही हरी-भरी है।

यूनान, मिस्र, रोम सब मिट गये जहाँ से  
लेकिन अभी है बाकी नामों-निशां हमारा,  
कुछ बात है कि हस्ती मिटती नहीं हमारी,  
गोकि रहा है, दुश्मन, दौरे जमां-हमारा।

हमारे देश में नारियों को विशेष स्थान प्रदान किया गया है। क्योंकि आज की नारी किसी से भी किसी चीज में पीछे नहीं है। वो पुरुषों के साथ कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर चलती है। आज की नारी के लिए निम्न पंक्तियाँ सार्थक हैं –

नारी! तुम केवल श्रद्धा हो,  
विश्वास रजत नग, पग-तल में,  
पीयूष स्त्रोत सी बहा करो,  
जीवन के सुन्दर समतल में।

हमारे देश में प्रत्येक वर्ग के व्यक्ति को अपना अधिकार पाने के लिए कानून बनाये गये हैं जिससे किसी भी व्यक्ति के साथ अन्याय न हो। हमारी आत्मा का निर्भाव देश की संस्कृति और परम्पराओं द्वारा हुआ है इसलिए हमें अपने देश के महत्व और महिमा को हर कीमत पर बनाये रखने के लिए कमर कसकर तैयार रहना चाहिए। हमें सच्चा देश प्रेमी बनना चाहिए।

जो भरा नहीं भावों से, बहती जिसमें रसाधार नहीं।

वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है,  
जिससे स्वदेश का प्यार नहीं।

हमारे देश की गौरव गाथा का वर्णन शब्दों में करना असम्भव है। मेरे शब्दकोष में शब्द कम पड़ जायेंगे परन्तु देश की गरिमा का वर्णन पूरा नहीं हो पायेगा। अन्त में मैं बस यही कहूँगी कि :-

सारे जहाँ से अच्छा हिन्दुस्तान हमारा-हमारा।  
हम बुलबुले हैं इसकी ये गुलरिताँ  
हमारा-हमारा।।

शुभी अग्रवाल, 9 अ

## Incredible India

Of course India is incredible with 63 languages, an area of about 120,000 sq. km., 28 states, 7 union territories and over 1.2 billion people. India is the seventh largest country. But this isn't all. What makes India even more incredible is our beliefs, festivals, culture and our government. Surely our nation has made impressive strides in the realms of economy, science and technology. India is regarded as an upcoming major power. But there are still some truths of the Indian economy that pierce our soul.

Unfortunately, the safest person in India after 26/11 is Ajmal Kasab. Irony, isn't it? A man from the neighboring country massacres hundreds of our people. He makes the whole nation weep and sends a shock wave across the country. And what did we do? We have kept him under Z+ security and spend crores of rupees on him when that money could have been easily used for public welfare.

Where more than 50,000 of our people sleep on an empty stomach everyday, Kasab is enjoying every delicacy he ever dreamt of. India's verdict on Kasab is unanimous - he should be hanged publically as soon as possible. He himself accepted the fact that he is one of the terrorists involved in the Mumbai attacks. What else do we want? And what are we waiting for? He killed more than 250 of our people including some of our high officials.

And yet, Kasab is alive today, healthier than ever! Incredible India. In fact India is so incredible that even the murderers of our late P.M., Mrs. Indira Gandhi are walking about freely. When India's one of the most dynamic and influential leader did not get justice then how can we expect justice or fair judgement for ourselves. The Constitution gives the right to all its citizens. But it is most unfortunate that in most cases, justice is delayed. And as we all know, 'Justice delayed is justice denied'. With time everything becomes weak and old. And so has our Constitution and its laws. Now India has two options - either to reevaluate the laws and to reinforce them strictly, or, to wait for the next 26/11.

Saanica Wahol, 10-B

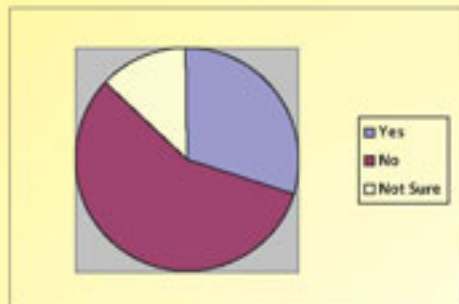


# STUDENT SURVEY – POLL

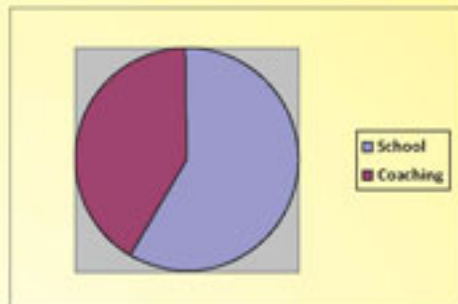
(conducted in class 9-12)

'TEENAGE' is the most cherished yet controversial phase of one's life. Debates on various issues concerning the youth of today is a matter of discussion everywhere and so we take the opportunity to present before you OUR STUDENTS' take on all those questions which haunt them..

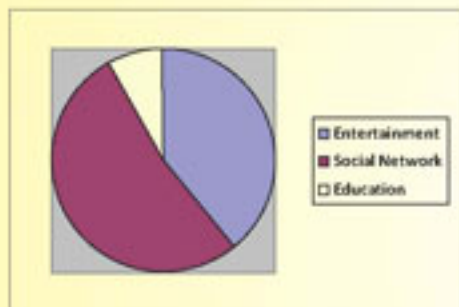
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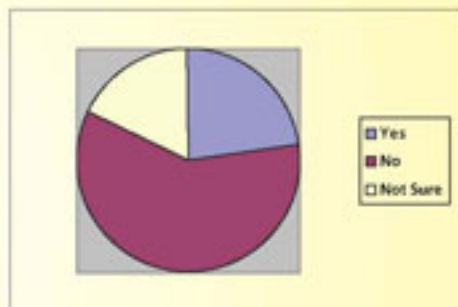
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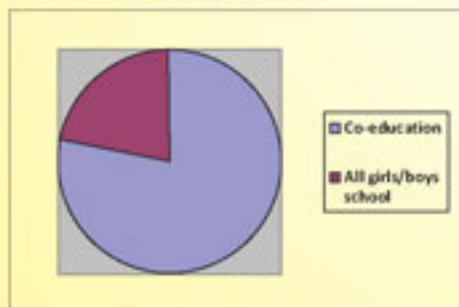
Q3. What do students go online for the maximum?



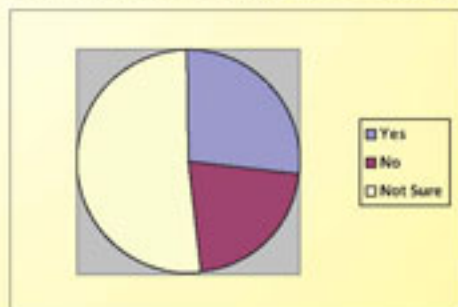
Q4. Should 'gadgets' especially 'Mobile' be allowed in schools?



Q5. Which of the two is better?



Q6. Is social media restricting public socialising?



Thus with the results we got, it was confirmed that students themselves are very much against the immorality which is spreading as a deadly virus in our society. The preference of school over coaching is itself a question on the existence of the coaching-cum- business in the field of education. Their choice of not favouring gadgets in school further defines the positive approach of our students in today's 'GADGET-FREAK' world.

But at the same time, negative response in the third and the sixth question really puts to wonder as to the increasing significance of social media in a student's life, with its negative features having a more profound impact on them.

Thus, it is the need of the hour that the students realize their duty beyond the boundaries of Facebook, Twitter and emerge as the 'Future of the Country'.

Shivanshi Gupta, 12-A • Nivedita Sood, 11-A • Aditi Awasthi, 9-A • Shalvi Agarwal, 10-C



# AN EULOGY TO S.M.C

SMC A SCHOOL IN A MILLION,  
ONE AMONG BILLION.  
SPREADING KNOWLEDGE AS ALL  
SCHOOLS,  
IMPARTING VALUES AS AN EXTRA  
ORDINARY SCHOOL.

GUIDES ON THE PATH LEADING TO SUCCESS.....  
WITH HURDLES AS SPEED BREAKERS OF LIFE,  
EACH WITH A SHORTCUT AT A SIDE,  
BUT TEACHES TO OVERCOME THESE HURDLES,  
SINCE THERE IS NO SHORTCUT TO SUCCESS.  
IT IMPARTS WONDERFUL VIRTUES.....  
TO HELP THE POOR IN NEED,  
GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO READ.



WE PRACTICALLY IMPLEMENT IT IN OUR  
LIVES,  
IN EXPOSURE ACTIVITY BY BRINGING ON  
FACES SMILES.  
I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE EUPHORIA OF  
GIVING,

INSPIRED BY HIGH THINKING OF SR. EVELYN.  
THE VALUE EDUCATION CLASSES ARE A TREASURE,  
TO LEARN SOMETHING INSTEAD OF SITTING IN LEISURE.  
NOW I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY,  
PROUD TO BE A ST. MARIAN....

Shrutti Goenka, 8-A

## PATRIOTISM

Someone has said that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. It is true, that some corrupt and beguile the gullible people. They pose to be great patriots, but actually they are interested in feathering their own nests only.

Such people are in reality traitors in the garb of patriots. They misguide the people. They instigate the innocent people against honest leaders and bureaucrats. At the same time, they encourage corrupt and dishonest bureaucrats and provide them protection against the law.

Such people even harbour criminals and corner money from public funds. But all this does not mean that there are no true patriots in the world. In fact, true patriots do not need a certificate from others.

They are true in their commitments to the country. They are generally silent workers who go on working for the country, irrespective of praise or censure.

There were true and great patriots, who fought for the freedom of our country. If we are leading a free life today, it is due to the great sacrifices made by them. Many of

them went to jail and suffered the lathi blows inflicted on them by the cruel British government.

A good number of them even kissed the gallows for our sake. We must salute them and be grateful to them.

Now when India is free, we should work for its all round progress. We should be ready to lay down our lives for its defense.

That indeed, would be true patriotism at the present moment.

Syeda Alina, 6-C



My face glows with happiness as I flick the pages of the past-above all the golden memories of my Junior wing and think of the teachers who have been an indispensable part of my life. Studying under such teachers was a stimulating experience for me.

I can clearly remember my class 2 teacher, **Mrs. P. Singh** who always encouraged us to do what is

right and fight all our fears with dignity. She was a scrupulous teacher who was always successful in bringing out the hidden talent in us. She made us realize how important we are for this society.

My beloved co-ordinator - Mrs. M. Mishra, played an important role in building our self-esteem. She had a dynamic personality. She did her duties with full devotion and affection. She inculcated the reading habit in us and made our books so interesting that today they have become means of recreation for us. Thus, she made a strong base to climb up and reach our goals.

Our Hindi singing and English singing teachers-Mrs. Roy and Ms. Sudan respectively, developed an interest for music in us. Their melodious voices filled our hearts with pleasure. Their inspiring songs revealed to us the truth of life.

Although, these teachers have now left this prestigious institution, they are still residing in our hearts and will be there forever because they have opened our first door towards success....

Sukriti Bajpai, 8-C



## TREES - OUR FRIENDS



Plants and trees are very important for the entire world. They are essential for human beings, animals and also for beautiful birds. Plants and trees give us medicines, food, wood, oxygen and fresh air. We have a duty to protect and save our plants and trees. We can do so by planting trees and not cutting them.

We are very fortunate to have lots and lots of beautiful flowering plants and beautiful old trees in our school. The gardener looks after them by giving them water and manure. I also have a small and pretty garden. I tend my garden from time to time. These plants and trees are God's gift to us and we must love and take care of them. Then we can live happily on this beautiful and healthy Planet that is our MOTHER EARTH.

Kashvi Basu, 3-C

## इकट्ठा वाटर

*Water, water everywhere*

*We have to get our taps in gear!*

*So turn off the taps and don't complain*

*Wasting water is no game!*



Water is the foundation of food and life. Next to air, water is our most precious resource. Over 70% of the earth is water. Of all this only 3% is fresh water. Water conservation refers to reducing the usage of water and recycling of waste water for different purposes, such as cleaning, manufacturing, agriculture and many more things. Conservation needs to be our way of life, not just something we think about once in a while.

*This means using our water wisely and caring for it properly.*

*Save water, it's all we have got.*

Samridhi Khandelwal, 4-C

## MOTHERS

Mothers are the source of inspiration,  
They guide you when you are in tension.  
They are the ones who love and care,  
Mothers are really a living prayer.

Their love is more refreshing than a shower of rain,

Their hearts are pure as a burning flame.  
Their words make you feel light as feather,  
They are not like friend of fair weather.  
They appear like trees in the scorching sun,  
They accept your goodness, mend your bad one.

So respecting them is your duty,  
For every mother has internal beauty.

Aaliya Fatima, 4-C

## कन्या की भ्रूण हत्या क्यों ?

बोये जाते हैं बेटे, पर उम आती है बेटियाँ,  
खाद पानी बेटे को, पर लहलहाती है बेटियाँ ।

बेटियों पर ठेले जाते हैं बेटे,  
पर बढ़ जाती है बेटियाँ ।

कई बार रुलाते हैं बेटे,  
पर रोती हैं बेटियाँ ।

कई तरह से मिराते हैं बेटे,  
पर सँभाल लेती हैं बेटियाँ ।  
अपूर्वा शुक्ला, ८ 'स'





## मेरा विद्यालय

शिक्षा जगत का वरदान,  
सेण्ट मेरीज कॉनवेंट महान।  
हमें इस पर है अभिमान,  
बढ़ानी हमें है इसकी शान।  
दिया इसने हमें ज्ञान,  
सदा करना इसका सम्मान।  
बीता इसमें मेरा बचपन,  
सीखा इससे मैंने अनुशासन।  
पाया यही भाषा का ज्ञान,  
जाना साहित्य और विज्ञान।  
शिक्षा जगत का वरदान,  
मेरा सेण्ट मेरीज कॉनवेंट महान।

मल्लिका निगम, 5 अ

## एस. एम. सी. के प्रांगण में एक दिन

मुझे माह अप्रैल 2012 में अपनी पौत्री विदुषी पाल, कक्षा-5 बी के विद्यालय में जाने का सुअवसर प्राप्त हुआ। सर्वप्रथम वहाँ के शैक्षणिक वातावरण ने मुझे अत्यधिक प्रभावित किया। मुख्य द्वार से प्रवेश करते ही लगा कि मैं किसी नये परिवेश में आ गया हूँ। बच्चों की एसेम्बली मुझे आश्चर्यचकित कर गई जब मैंने देखा कि यहाँ शिक्षा के साथ-साथ नैतिक मूल्यों जैसे अपने बुजुर्गों का विशेष ध्यान रखना ने बहुत प्रभावित किया। यही शिक्षिकाओं ने हमें बहुत सम्मान दिया।

आज के समय में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में नैतिक मूल्यों का बहुत हास हुआ है। शिक्षा को एक व्यवसाय बना दिया गया है। किन्तु इस विद्यालय में मैंने देखा शिक्षा के व्यवसायीकरण का कहीं नामोनिशान नहीं था। मैंने अपना 40 वर्ष का जीवन शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में ही व्यतीत किया है। मैं अपने अनुभव के आधार पर कह सकता हूँ कि आज यह विद्यालय कानपुर का सर्वश्रेष्ठ विद्यालय है। यहाँ की निकली हुई छात्राएँ निश्चित ही भविष्य में हर क्षेत्र में अपना, माता-पिता का, अध्यापिकाओं एवं प्रधानाचार्या जी का नाम रोशन करेगी तथा सेण्ट मेरी कानवेंट हाईस्कूल, कानपुर का नाम सर्वश्रेष्ठ में अंकित करावेगी।



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## Footprints in time...



I had the opportunity to have Sr. Celestine as my class teacher in the academic session of 1989-90. Sister was a person of strong conviction. She could accomplish any task she set her mind on. I have always known her as an active person and it is difficult to forget her ever-ready smile.

If genius is the gold in the mine, then a great teacher is like the miner who works to bring it out. We drew courage and hope from her as she always reminded us of how precious life is. She was a gem to mankind as her service to society and the poor has been commendable. She devoted much of her time and energy in uplifting the underprivileged and her benevolence was outstanding.

When I joined St. Mary's Convent as a teacher, I was fortunate to meet her as a colleague and know more about her. In the year 2009, we shared the joyous moments of Sister's completion of 50 Golden years in religious life. The occasion included a beautiful programme conducted by the students and the next day Mass followed by lunch. It was true celebration when Sister had her own family around her but she made us feel one with them and was able to share equal attention with all. Till June this year we saw Sister active. She was with us for many years and it was difficult to bid her adieu but she was all energetic and enthusiastic to follow up her duties at Varanasi.

On 31st August 2012, we heard about her illness and that she was admitted in Nazareth Hospital, Allahabad. We all included her in our prayers and kept her in our hearts - but the time took its toll. On 1st September 2012, at about 4:30 in the morning Sister left for her heavenly abode. Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, but Sister will live in our hearts forever because "Death ends a life not a relationship."

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