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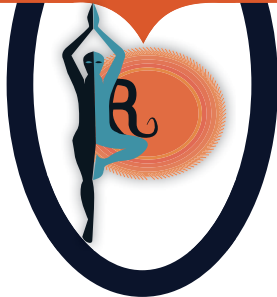
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EDITORIAL

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Dear Readers,

My greetings to all of you.

I am pleased and contented, presenting this last edition of the Review for the year 2015. It has been our endeavour to use the Review as a launch-pad for the students' creative urges to blossom naturally. As the saying goes, 'mind is like a parachute, works best when opened'; we have made an effort to set the budding minds free in the realm of imagination to create a world of beauty in words.

We are at the threshold of a New Year, saying our last goodbyes to the year that is about to pass. We just had some wonderful term-end House parties, where we danced and ate delicious food to our heart's content. Our hearts are full of hope and enthusiasm as we bid adieu to the old year and embrace the new one.

However, along with this excitement for the New Year there is an undertone of nervousness being experienced exclusively by classes 6th, 7th and 8th. Their SA-1 has finally started, and now they face the test that will determine their academic learning. Class 11 will also not be able to enjoy this knocking at the door of the New Year, thoroughly, as they are seen in the prep, late at night, studying for their FA-3. Among all this, class 9th and 10th seem to be getting a feeling of alienation, with a relatively easy time going on, with the only worry of submission of their copies to the DoS office for an inspection.

We are also preparing for our own Round Square Service Project at Nathon-Ka-Pura to be held from 17th – 23rd December 2015.

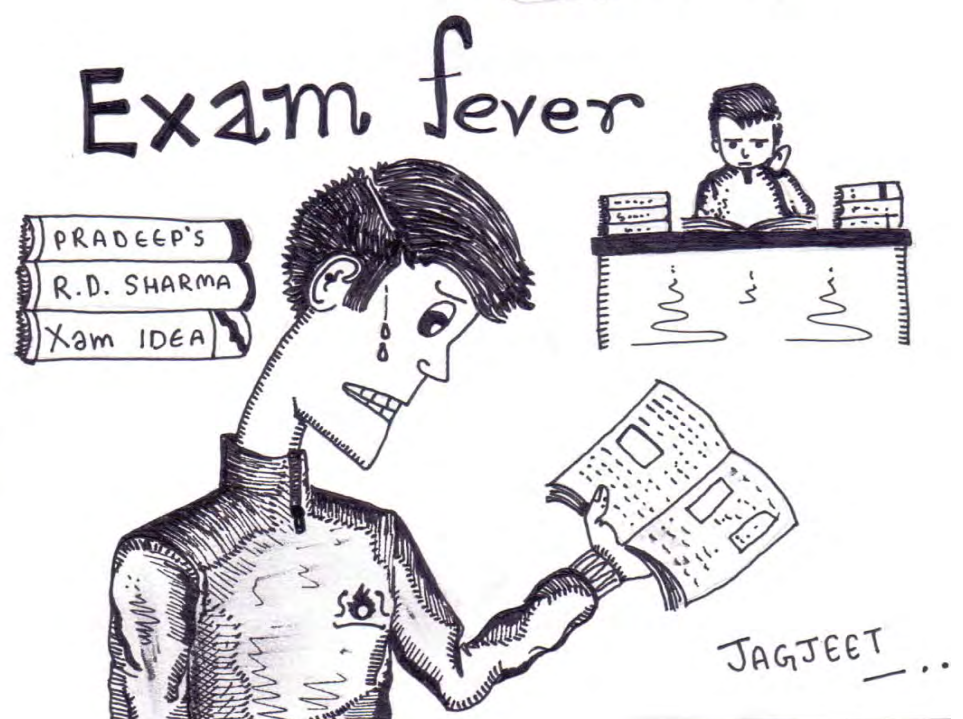
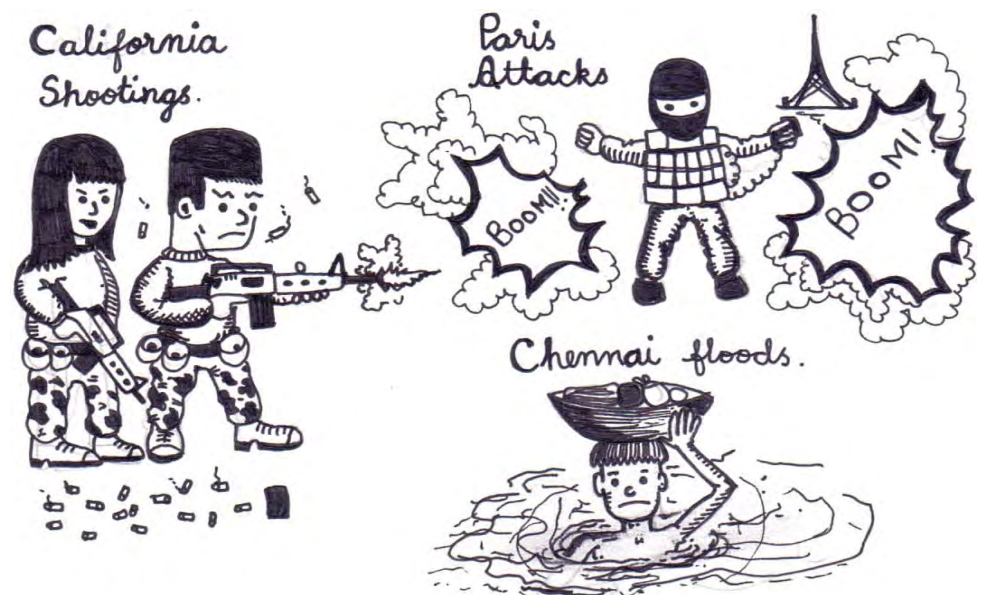
The school Brass Band just finished its early morning and after-lunch practices which had been going on for quite a while. They are now on leave for an early vacation in order to compensate for the holidays which they won't get, as they shall be proudly representing our school on Rajpath on 26th of January.

Talking of vacations, class 12th seems to be getting none at all. Their winter camps would be starting soon. With less than 60 days left for their Board Exams, their life seems to be revolving incessantly only around studies. Along with studies, they seem to be mentally preparing themselves, with a heavy heart, for their last few months in school, and for life, after that.

On a national note, the southern part of our country was submerged in floods due to excessive rains. Chennai had been under water for almost half a month, with relief packages flowing in from all directions. With Facebook activating the Safety Check features for people living near Chennai, we were relieved to see many Scindians shifting in safe notifications. A number of tourists could be seen being evacuated in buses due to the closure of the airports. With the aid of our great Army, the situation has improved undoubtedly. Fury of Nature forces us to realize our responsibility. Global Warming is climbing new scales. Nations, all over the world, have understood the gravity of the problem as well as the need for long term solutions. The Climate Change Conference in Paris has just been concluded. All major countries have pledged their support in controlling the climate of the planet. However, change needs to start locally and by each one of us. In fact, we need to change our lifestyles before we plan to change the world.

The wounds of the Paris terror attacks had not healed yet, and fresh terrorist activities have erupted all over the world. Recently, in California, a couple has been arrested for opening fire on a crowd, killing 14, injuring 13 civilians. In another such incident, a lone terrorist stabbed 3 civilians to death with a machete in the London Underground. These lone acts of terror seem to scare the personal safety of citizens globally. It is heartening to hear Obama say, 'the threat from terrorism is real, but the US will overcome it'.

Despite all this negativity and fear, common men and women have been trying to overcome this fear, and are publically displaying their joyful love for their countries all over the world. Music festivals, public processions and mass movements have given us a sense of normalization of life. I strongly feel that everyone should travel around these winter vacations. By travelling, one gathers honey. So have fun, may be go to Goa for the celebration of the New Year and attend the Sunburn Music festival, and get refreshed. As Francois Hollande said, "In this time of fear, culture is our greatest weapon."



Life of a day-scholar Scindian

Shreyansh Agarwal | VIII C

What do you think about the topic? Is it easy or difficult? May be, you will be able to decide after reading this article.

We came to the Fort when I was in class III. It was the month of January then. It took me almost six months to get familiar with the roads of the Fort and the school. When I came to class IV we shifted to Ranoji House as my father was appointed the resident tutor there. It was then I came to know about the activities in the school. It was also the time I started counting my days before coming into the school because I really loved the life of the boys in Ranoji. It was finally in February 2013, that I appeared for the aptitude test of the school for admission and I remember my excitement was at its peak. The nearly three month's long summer vacation that followed was too boring as I literally had nothing to do. I somehow managed to get through the extra-long, extra-boring summers and finally joined the Scindia School. For a month or so everything was fine, but after that I realized that being a day-scholar Scindian is not at all easy. It has its merits as well as its demerits. I would like to describe the merits first.

My boarder friends always tell me that I am indeed very lucky because I live with my parents. I think this is indeed very true. My friends also say (well I get to know about the merits through my friends) that I am lucky as I have access to T.V. and computer anytime I wish. They also tell me, the biggest merit that I have is that I can eat anything I wish to eat. They also tell me how lucky I am since I don't have to attend the morning fitness (now this one is my personal favorite as I can't compromise with my sleep!!).

Every coin has two faces and my life too has another side to it. I have described the first one to you, now it's time for the second one. The first demerit that I think I should mention is that everyone asks me for tuck, cycle and mobile phones even though I don't possess them. Now one more major problem I face is that everyone thinks that we are getting undue advantage when we get selected for any Inter-School or Inter-House event or competition. Many a times we don't get the full or correct information and then we have to run around; frankly it has become an everyday routine for me now. Due to these gaps in information, we sometimes have difficulty going for post-dinner practices of Orchestra, Drama, and March-Past etc. And sometimes seniors and even batch-mates tease us more than other boarders.

I will leave it on the readers to decide which side is heavier.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

The Nagpur Chapter of SOBA recently donated two wheelchairs to the Nagpur Airport and one to *Matru Seva Sangh*, a ninety year old, prominent Old-Age home in Nagpur. This donation was made as part of 'Able the Disabled' project, launched under the aegis of SOBA CARE, which is an initiative to promote social causes by The Scindia School Old Boys' Association (SOBA).



Nagpur SOBA with their donations.

The programme was attended by several Old Boys, namely, Sandeep Agrawal, Bharat Goenka, Arjun Dhanwatay, Ashish Bansal, Vishal Dhanwatay, Manoj Vyas and Sachin Chanchani among others.

Arjun Saraswat (Ex - Rn, 2010) ran the Airtel Marathon on the 29th of November 2015. He completed the 21.1 km race in 1 hour 24 minutes and 30 seconds (1:24:30). He trained for about 6 months and followed a strict diet and regime for this marathon. He finished 42nd overall, out of 13000 finishers. Congratulations to him!

A meeting of SOBA members was held on 20th Nov. 2015 for electing a new team of Scindians of Nagpur Chapter.

New Committee:

Chairman : Scn. Suresh Sharma **President :** Scn. Sandeep Agrawal

Vice-Presidents : Scn. Bharat Goenka and Scn. Arjun Dhanwatay

Secretary : Scn. Ashish Bansal **Treasurer :** Scn. Vishal Dhanwatay

Jt. Secretaries : Scn. Nishant Gandhi and Scn. Varun Rathi.

Exec Committee Members : Scn. Ajit Singh Kelor, Scn. Sachin Chanchani, Scn. Manoj Vyas, Scn. Pratik Munot, Scn. Arjun Khandelwal

Nominees to Central Executive : Scn. Manoj Vyas, Scn. Arjun Dhanwatay

Vivek Bhushan (Ex - Sh, 1977) and Jai Atal (Ex - Md, 1977) visited the school on Saturday, 12th December.

On Saturday, the 28th of November 2015, 18 Old Boys, from the Batch of 1992, many of them along with their families, had a reunion on the Fort. Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat welcomed them in the newly renovated staff room. After the meeting, the Old Boys were escorted by the student ambassadors to the Art Room, Assembly Hall and a host of other recently constructed / renovated buildings. After their tour of the school, Old Boys assembled at the



Batch of 1992 at the Madhav Pavilion.

Madhav Pavilion for a group photo along with the teachers of their time. It was followed by lunch in the Dining Hall. After lunch, the Old Boys visited their respective Houses and had a fruitful interaction with the present students. This was followed by a friendly football match between the Old Boys and the students. The dexterity of the Old great players could be seen flashing in the field every now and then. At the end of this eventful day, one could see the shining eyes of the Old Boys which were lit-up with nostalgia. To sum up, it was a delightful Saturday and we would cherish its memories for a long time and look forward to many more such reunions in future.

It was a matter of great pleasure to welcome, in person, Dr Prashant Prabhu (Ex MD, 1967), the brainchild behind SOBiR, (Scindia Old Boys in Residence) in the school campus on 12th and 13th of December. During his short stay on the Fort, he interacted with the school community, in various groups and forums. He expressed his happiness and satisfaction for the successful organization of the inaugural SOBiR programme. At the same time, he also expressed his apprehension, and cautioned us regarding the amount of continuous efforts needed to sustain such a high-quality programme. In his first formal meeting with the entire staff, he discussed the various issues and intricacies of pedagogy. He also mentioned the many facets of struggles and problems of residential schools, particularly in the context of a highly competitive education market in India. He emphasized that the greatest strength of The Scindia School is its global, leading alumni. It can play a very positive and nutritional role for the school. By soliciting that, the basic objective of SOBiR shall be accomplished.

Mr Suhrid Korde (Ex - Je, 1962) visited the school along with his wife, Mrs Jyotsna Korde on the 10th of December 2015. They now live in London, and had come to Mumbai to attend a family function. Childhood memories and love for the school brought them back on the Fort and they went around every nook and corner of the school, accompanied by Mr G.S. Bakshi, rejoicing in nostalgia.

भाषा शिक्षण : खेल खेल में

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उपवन का माली अपनी कुशल देख-रेख और काट-छाँट से उद्यान के रूप को सँवारता है। एक कुम्भकार मिट्टी से सुन्दर बरतन तथा मन भावन खिलौने तथा मूर्तियाँ गढ़ता है। एक मूर्तिकार अपनी छैनी से बेडौल पत्थर से देवत्व की प्रतिष्ठा करता है। उसी प्रकार जो 'मानव' शब्द को सही अर्थ और पहचान देता है और मनुष्य में मनुष्यत्व का निर्माण करता है उसी चरित्र-शिल्पी को समस्त विश्व 'गुरु' के गौरवपूर्ण नाम से जानता है। गुरु को ही वर्तमान में शिक्षक का गौरव प्राप्त है। जिस प्रकार माली उपवन की देख-रेख में तथा मूर्तिकार बेडौल पत्थर को छैनी से तराशने में किसी प्रकार का भेदभाव नहीं करता है उसी प्रकार शिक्षक भी बच्चों के कुशल शिक्षण एवं देख-रेख में किसी प्रकार का भेद-भाव नहीं करता है। शिक्षक अपने विषय का पूर्ण ज्ञाता, व्यवहारिक, संयमी, ईमानदार, कर्मनिष्ठ, सुसंस्कृत, सभ्य, अनुशासित तथा सकारात्मक सोच से ओत-प्रोत होता है। एक शिक्षक धन तथा ऐश्वर्य से अलग हटकर अपने कर्तव्य को अधिक महत्व देता है और छात्रों की समस्याओं को सुनकर उनका समाधान करता है जिससे उसकी अलग पहचान होती है और समाज में उसका स्थान सर्वोपरि रहता है।

संसार में मानव ही सबसे अधिक सौभाग्यशाली है। उसे अपनी बात कहने के लिए भाषा का वरदान मिला है। प्रत्येक मनुष्य अपनी भावों की अभिव्यक्ति किसी ना किसी भाषा के माध्यम से ही करता है। भाषा विचारों का आदान-प्रदान है। भाषा के अभाव में न तो किसी सामाजिक परिवेश की कल्पना की जा सकती है और न ही सामाजिक एवं राष्ट्रीय प्रगति की। साहित्य कला, संगीत, विज्ञान और दर्शन सभी का आधार भाषा ही है। इसलिए एक शिक्षक का यह कर्तव्य है कि छात्रों को खेल-खेल में भाषा का ज्ञान देकर उसका सरलीकरण कर उन्हें सुसंस्कृत, सभ्य, आदर्श तथा प्रतिष्ठित छात्र बना सके।

परिवार बच्चे की पहली पाठशाला है। जितना अधिक परिवार का वातावरण स्वच्छ होगा उतना ही अधिक बच्चे का मन भी स्वच्छ होगा। एक स्वच्छ वातावरण बच्चे के शारीरिक एवं मानसिक विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका अदा करता है। बच्चा उठना-बैठना, खेलना, खाना, बोलना माता-पिता तथा परिवार के सदस्यों के संपर्क में ही रहकर सीखता है। बच्चा एक कोमल पौधे के समान है। जिस प्रकार माली अपनी कुशल देख-रेख से उसे सींच कर एवं गुड़ाई-निराई कर एक महान वृक्ष का रूप प्रदान करता है उसी प्रकार परिवार में माता-पिता भी खेल, खेल में बच्चे में अच्छे संस्कार प्रतिष्ठित कर उसे एक महामानव एवं सभ्य मानव का रूप प्रदान करते हैं।

बच्चों के शारीरिक विकास के लिए खेल महत्वपूर्ण है। लोग खिलाड़ी होने पर गौरव का अनुभव करते हैं और उनका शारीरिक एवं मानसिक विकास स्वतः ही हो जाता है। इस लिए भाषा को भी हम खेल-खेल में छात्रों को पढ़ाकर समृद्ध एवं सुशिक्षित बना सकते हैं। भाषा को खेलों के माध्यम से पढ़ाने के विभिन्न आयाम इस प्रकार हैं -

शिक्षक वर्तनी, स्वर, व्यंजन, शब्द, पद, वाक्य तथा प्रश्नोत्तरों को क्विज का रूप देकर भाषा को सरल बना सकते हैं। जिससे छात्र भाषा के प्रति जागरूक होंगे और उन्हें भाषा सीखने में आसानी होगी। अभिनय छात्रों की प्रतिभा को आँकने का सबसे अच्छा माध्यम है इस लिए शिक्षक अभिनय के द्वारा छात्रों को शिक्षा प्रदान कर सकते हैं जिससे उन्हें अभिनय कला को सीखने में तथा किसी भी एकांकी, कहानी एवं नाटक को समझने में असुविधा नहीं होगी और वे भी अभिनय करके भाषा को आसानी से अपने जीवन में ग्रहण कर सकेंगे। एकांकी, कहानी एवं नाटक में संवाद-योजना छात्रों को भाषा सिखाने में अनोखी भूमिका अदा करती है।

भाषण छात्र की वाक्-प्रतिभा को आँकने का एक सशक्त माध्यम है अतः शिक्षक उनकी बोलने की क्षमता को बढ़ाने के लिए उन्हें समय-समय पर प्रेरित करते हैं क्योंकि वाक्-पटुता छात्रों के भविष्य को उज्ज्वल तथा जीवन को सुखमय बनाती है। चित्र कला भाषा को सिखाने का एक सरल माध्यम है। जिससे छात्र उन चित्रों को देखकर अपने विचार अनुच्छेद या निबन्ध के रूप में प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

प्राथमिक कक्षाओं में भाषा सिखाने के लिए तथा उसे समझने के लिए कार्टून फिल्म एक अच्छा एवं सशक्त माध्यम है क्योंकि प्राथमिक कक्षाओं में छात्रों को एकाग्रचित्त रखने के लिए कार्टून फिल्म की भूमिका अविस्मरणीय है। मीडिया के आधार स्तम्भ विभिन्न चैनलों के माध्यम से छात्र विभिन्न वक्ताओं के कथनों को सुनकर अपनी भाषा में निखार ला सकते हैं और शिक्षक उनकी शंकाओं को दूर कर उन्हें भाषा के प्रति आकर्षित कर सकते हैं। एक अच्छी भाषा सीखने एवं बोलने का यह महत्वपूर्ण उपाय है।

कम्प्यूटर के माध्यम से छात्र किसी भी भाषा को आसानी से सीख सकता है क्योंकि उसमें भाषा सीखने के सभी आधार बिन्दु मौजूद होते हैं। इसके साथ ही साथ पी.पी.टी. के माध्यम से छोटे-छोटे पाठ-योजना बना कर छात्र खेल-खेल में भाषा आसानी से सीख सकते हैं। छात्रों के सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए अच्छा प्राकृतिक वातावरण होना अति आवश्यक है क्योंकि स्वच्छ प्राकृतिक वातावरण से स्वस्थ शरीर तथा स्वस्थ शरीर से मस्तिष्क स्वस्थ रहता है। उपर्युक्त सभी तथ्य भाषा को सरल एवं परिष्कृत बना कर छात्रों के लिए उपयोगी सिद्ध होंगे।

प्रकृति

चैतन्य जे. जावले | 7ए

जंगल मस्त लहराते हैं,
ये पंछी गाना गाते हैं।
ऊपर पथरीली चोटी पर,
संत महात्मा विराजते हैं।
प्रकृति की शांति मनोहर लगती है
अगर अशांत होती है तो
कितनी भयंकर लगती है।
धरती भी थर्राती है,
कहीं भूकंप तो कहीं
कुछ और कहर बरपाती है।
नदियों को तुम बहने दो मस्तमगन,
ना रोको इनका पानी।
अगर नदियाँ रोएँगी तो
होगी हम को ही हानि।

कर देगी ये शिकायत अपने दादा
समुंदर से, फिर न बचेंगे हम
इनके तूफान और बवंडर से।
प्रकृति जितनी ये प्रलयकारी है
उतनी ही है ये न्यारी।
हमको देती खाना और पानी,
बिना परेशानी हमारी करती न हानि।
ये शेर ये चीते ये तोते
ये सब हैं इसी की संतान,
अपनी गोद में ये हमको
कितना रखे संभाल।
देखने में सुंदर लगती है
कटी-छटी ये चट्टान।
दुखी को सुखी कर देती है

करती है ये चमत्कार।
लता लटक-लटक कर देती है
एक ही सीख,
मेहनत करोगे तो पा सकोगे हर चीज़।
ताल-मेल है सबका ज़रूरी,
बिना एक-दूजे के जिन्दगी है अधूरी।
ये पहाड़, ये नदियाँ, ये झरने
को ये सजोए रखती है,
बिना लालच ये हम को
खुशी की हर चीज़ देती है।
रखो प्रकृति को संभाल
और बनाओ जीवन को खुशहाल।

निखटू

सक्षम बंसल | 8ए

क्या पढ़ूँ ?
क्या पढ़ूँ ? मैं समझ नहीं पाता,
परीक्षा का डर मुझे हर पल सताता।
98% लाओगे तो लोग कहेंगे वाह!
नहीं तो टीचर्स देंगे सजा।
कहेंगे करो दस बार यही काम
और कुछ तो नहीं है काम-धाम।
एक बार तो हो गए फेल
अब तो हो जाओ पास।
रख लो अपने पापा की ही लाज,
ले आओ इस बार 90 से ऊपर
कहलाओगे तुम सबसे ऊपर।
पर हम, ठहरे निखटूलाल,
मेहनत तो करना नहीं





FORT NEWS

Climate change has made weather unpredictable globally. The recent deluge in Chennai is a classic example of that. Thankfully on the Fort, it is business as usual. Cold winds in the mornings and late evenings are here, but unusually warm afternoons continue even now. We are eagerly waiting for a cold wave to come by. Globally this entire year the weather was rather harsh. El Niño of 2015 was one of the strongest on record, dating to 1950. We saw a number of effects on weather around the world, from heavy rain to extreme drought, persistent warmth to stubborn cold, and inactive versus hyperactive tropical cyclone seasons. We shall return with our weather report in 2016, and we wish our readers a very Happy New Year ahead!

The results of Inter-House Chess tournament are as follows:

A Group : I Jeevaji II Madhav
B Group : I Mahadji II Jeevaji

The Inter-House Hindi debate was held on 28th of November 2015. The results are as follows:

House positions :

I Madhav II Ranoji III Daulat
IV Shivaji V Jeevaji VI Mahadji
VII Jayaji VIII Jayappa

Individual positions :

I Himanshu Mujoriya II Abhishek Mahour
II Akash Fogat II Divyam Anandani

Shrimati Shanti Devi Saxena Memorial Inter House Skit Competition 2015-16 was held on Saturday, 5th December. The results are as follows:

I Daulat II Jayappa III Jayaji
IV Jeevaji V Ranoji VI Madhav
VII Mahadji VIII Shivaji

The title of the winning Skit was "Bahut Bada Sawal".



Boys in their elements during the skit.

Mohit Asrani of Class IX participated in the 20th International UCMAS Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition 2015 held in New Delhi recently and stood 3rd in the competition. Congratulations to him!

A Group Squash Tournament results :

Final match was played between Pavan Jaini and Ankit Mehrotra. Pavan Jaini won the match 3-0. Match for the III and IV position was played between Sarthak Sharma and Avneesh Sapra. Sarthak won 3-2.

OBITUARIES

Mrs Lata Mankar, mother of Mr Hemant Mankar who is serving the school as a Lab Assistant in the Chemistry department, and the sister of former Bursar, Dr T.S. Ingle, passed away on 8th December 2015. She was seriously ill for the past six months. We pray that God comforts her family and friends.

Mr Mukund Varhade, husband of Mrs Veena Varhade who works in the school in the admin office, passed away on the 9th December 2015 due to a heart attack. He worked as a JE at the Gwalior Development Authority. Teaching mathematics was his hobby and he taught many students during his long stay on the Fort. His two sons Chetan, Ketan and daughter Mitali are all Ex Scindians. We pray for peace to the divine for the departed soul.



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