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FORT NEWS

Afternoons are slightly warm and humid. Monsoon, it seems has finally gone. However, there have been a few light showers in the last fortnight. The Fort is lush green and the *taals* are quite full. Perhaps a few more heavy downpours would have filled them up to the brim. Beautiful yellow flowers all over the Fort and the heady fragrance of *Kaim*, *Parijaat* and *Moulsari* flowers make us realise that it is a heaven that we inhabit. An ever increasing number of giant bats too were spotted on the Peepal tree to eat the figs which are now fully ripe.

A delegation of seven boys, namely, Prasoon Naithani, Varun Kapoor, Eeshan Sarda, Chidghan Prabhu, Abhishek Mahour, Jai Chahar and Pranav Wadhwa participated in the Silver Jubilee Young Thinkers Conclave at MCGS, Ajmer, from 26th – 28th August. They were escorted by Ms Supreet Bakshi. Boys participated in multimedia presentation, English Debate, Hindi Debate and Quiz. 18 schools from the length and breadth of the country participated in the said event.

Angad Sahni, Chirag Rathi, Hiteshwar Sagar, Shakthi Mahendran and Vedant Nag of Class VIII and Suyash Bansal of Class VII participated in the Model United Nations (MUN) conference held at Mayo School, Ajmer, from 29th –



MUN participants in Ajmer.

31st August 2016. They were escorted by Ms Priyanka Agarwal. Ten renowned schools from across the country participated in the conference. The experience was enriching for the students and they returned with a much broader perspective of MUN.

The school celebrated Teacher's Day on 5th of September, 2016. In the traditional Scindian style, Class XII converted a white bed sheet into a piece of 'Art' which conveyed good wishes and gratitude for teachers and was put up in the morning in the dining hall for all to see. The roles were swapped and the morning assembly was taken by Aditya Banka who announced the schedule for the day. The school flag was unfurled by Mr Ramesh Sharma and the morning prayers were recited by Mr Manoj Mishra and Dr Maitreyee Bishnoi. Pratham Gupta, a young Scindian recited a self-composed poem which described the sublime contributions of a Guru in the life of a student. This was followed by chanting of some Sanskrit *Shlokas* by Sadanand Dubey, Sukrit Kumar and Yash

Arya. Later in the day, Class XII organized an entertainment programme in the Assembly Hall. The students greeted the teachers with a rose, a present and a thunderous applause. The programme was wittily anchored by Mayank Girdhar and Daksh Jain. From the staff, songs were sung by Mr Bhavin Oza, Mr Abhijit Mukhopadhyay, Mr Akash Sharma, Mr Manoj Mishra and mouth organ was played by Mr Kamlesh Singh. Mr Akash Nigam, the new TT coach, recited a self-composed poem which was entertaining. The students, namely, Arbin Das, Kaldenla Bhutia, Jagjeet Jain and Shubham Madhwal gave a wonderful musical performance. A dance by Arbin Das and Aviral Jain too was exceptional. This was followed by some outdoor games for teachers just before lunch. In the evening, a volleyball match between the teachers and the students was organized in the memory of Late Mr Jayant Tengshe, former Vice Principal of the school. The day ended with an exclusive dinner for teachers and Class XII at the swimming pool which was much enjoyed by all present.

On 5th and 6th of September, the Scindian community on the Fort celebrated the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. On 5th, Ganpati *sthapana* started off with the *Shloka*, *Vakratunda Mahakaya* which was followed by a few devotional



Seeking wisdom, prosperity and good fortune from Lord Ganesha.

songs by the students. *Sthapana* was followed by a *Prasad* distribution. On 6th evening at 4.30 pm, entire Fort community assembled in the quadrangle for the *aarti* before *visarjan*. After the *aarti*, some boys enthusiastically placed the idol of Lord Ganesha on their shoulders while the rest danced on their way to Surajkund. *Visarjan* took place in the surajkund with boys repeatedly shouting the slogan, '*Ganpati Bappa Moriya, Agle Baras Tu Jaldi Aa*'.

Personnel from 'Momentum India' were on the Fort from 8th – 10th of September, 2016. They are experts at creating global standards of safety within our education system through systematic and scalable training for the entire school community in various safety related subjects which are designed as per the Australian qualifications training framework (Vocational Educational Training). Moreover this is aimed at creating awareness in safety, self-preservation and emergency response to mitigate risks and ensure a safer tomorrow within our country. We've had two sessions till date.

1st session of training: (14th – 16th July, 2016)

A. Training for Classes XI & XII on the following modules:

1. Basic First Aid, 2. Basic Fire-fighting, 3. Disaster Response
B. Evacuation Drill for entire school community on 16th July, 2016
An Earthquake Evacuation drill was conducted for the entire school community during school hours. The teachers were instructed to evacuate the students in an orderly manner and a post-evacuation feedback session was conducted with the entire school community as audience whereby Momentum India Experts talked about improving the school's Emergency Response capabilities and the whole session was very well received.

2nd session of training: (6th – 8th September, 2016)

A. Training for Classes VII & VIII on the following modules:

1. Basic First Aid, 2. Basic Fire-fighting, 3. Disaster Response
B. Evacuation Drill for Junior Houses with a pre-evacuation brief with Housemasters & matrons.

Ms Anita Pandey of the English department was invited to attend the Annual Examiner Training Conference in Chennai from 9th – 11th September 2016. It was conducted by the experts from Trinity College, London. The conference will facilitate Ms Pande to conduct ASL in the school with specific reference to the norms laid down by the CBSE and the Trinity College, London.

It was fascinating for Scindians to witness the practice matches of the Ranji Trophy players on the lush green Madhav Sports Field in the school campus from 9th – 11th September 2016. The players represented their respective state cricket associations and few represented the railways. Dr Kinjal Suratwala, head of the Andhra Pradesh Cricket Association too was on the Fort. Scindians interacted with Ranji players and received expert guidance in various aspects of the game.

Results of the Inter House Chess Tournament are :

'A' Group :

Winners : Daulat - Pranav Wadhwa, Dhananjay Sarin, Harshit Bhargav, Jai Chahar, Partham Agarwal

Runners up : Shivaji - Govind Kela, Neviyash Laishram, Saksham, Nitesh Thakuri, Varun Kapoor

'B' Group :

Winners : Mahadji - Somesh Kumar, Aryan Dubey, Vjjwala Singh, Arya Adhikari, Keshav Agarwal

Runners up : Daulat - Lav Asrani, Vedansh Bansal, Prithvi Mishra, Harshvardhan Jadon, Saksham Bansal

Results of the Middle Group Inter House Hindi Elocution :

House positions :

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

Individual positions (Prose) :

I	Aditya Parashar	II	Harshvardhan Chandel
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Individual positions (Poetry) :

I	Saksham Bansal	II	Sadanand Dubey
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Results of the Inter House 'A' group Basketball Tournament :

House positions :

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

Best Player – Aditya Gupta

Player of the tournament – Sambhav Mittal, Param Yadav

Most Promising Player of the tournament – Moksh Jaiswal

Results of the Senior Group Hindi Debate :

House positions :

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

Individual positions :

I	Aadya Mishra	II	Faizan Karim	III	Satyam Singh Gurjar
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The much acclaimed photographer and writer, Roger Caras famously said, "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Each one of us would vouch for the boundless loyalty and unconditional love which a dog showers on its master. Here we have our young Scindians express their love for man's best friend through short poems.

My Dog

Surya Gandra | VII A

I have a cute little dog,
We have named him Smog.
The whole day the greedy fellow does nothing but hog,
And believe me it is next to impossible to pull him out for a jog.

He looks adorable with white fur and a shiny black nose,
On seeing a comfortable bed he's quick to doze,
The minute I take out a camera I find him happily pose.

He's cute, he's naughty and loves to eat,
Be it vegetables or tasty meat.
He loves to lick and hates to bite
Oh what a lovely dog it is!

Cute and Chubby 'Sight'

Agrim Singh | VII A

I have a little puppy
He is very cute and chubby
He would beat my cushion
If the competition was to be fluffy

He is pure white
The colour is really bright
It is very easy to spot him
So we named him 'Sight'

Whenever I call out his name
He thinks it is for some game
But there are times
when he ignores me
Which I think is a real shame

I love him a lot
In my heart he occupies
a special spot.



मेघ

देवांश अग्रवाल | 10 डी

मेघ आए, मेघ आए,
अपने साथ खुशियाँ लाए ।
बच्चों का मन बहलाए,
और बड़ों का गुस्सा ठंडा कर जाए ।
जगह-जगह से पक्षी आए,
मोर के पंख खुल जाए,
मैना चूँ-चूँ कर जाए ।

मेघ आए, मेघ आए,
हर जगह हरियाली फैलाए ।
फूलों की महक आए,
मिट्टी गीली कर जाए ।
किसानों में जोश जगाए,
फसलों को चूम जाए ।

मेघ आए, मेघ आए,
कुछ क्षण में हानिकारक बन जाए,
हर जगह तबाही मचाए,
बिजली जोर से गरज जाए,
कहीं बाढ़ ले जाए ।

मेघ आए, मेघ आए,
अपने साथ दुख भरी
और सुख भरी कहानी ले जाए ।
मेघ आए, मेघ आए ।

उपकार

विश्वजीत | 10 डी

प्रभात काल में सूर्य की किरणों से
नए दिन की शुरुआत होना ।
धरती पर सभी जीवों को
नई आशा की किरणें प्रदान करना ।
भूल मत जाना,
प्रकृति के उस उपकार का आदर करना ।

ओस की नींद से अचानक उठाकर,
उल्लू, चमकादड़ के लिए बिस्तर बिछाना ।
मुर्गे का चिड़कर सब की नींद खराब करना
परंतु लोगों को उन्हीं के भले के लिए
उनके काम के लिए समय से भेजना ।

भूल मत जाना,
प्रकृति के इस उपकार का आदर करना ।

वृक्षों के द्वारा हमें जिंदगी प्रदान करना
और हमारे द्वारा प्रकृति के इस उपकार
का उसे हानि पहुँचाकर
बहुत अच्छे से धन्यवाद करना ।
पेड़ों को काटना,
जानवरों को मारना,
प्रकृति को हानि पहुँचाना ।
अपना घर भरना ।

ऐसा ही रहा तो,
एक दिन ऐसा आएगा इस दुनिया में ।
कुछ न बचेगा, केवल लालच ही बचेगा,
भूल मत जाना भगवान के
इस उपकार का आदर करना ।

Please lend me a hand

Umang Rungta | VII B

"We have not inherited this Earth from our forefathers: We have borrowed it from our children". This famous line by American environmental analyst, Lester Brown, reminds us of our duty towards the land we inhabit. Not only must we take individual steps to preserve its pristine beauty, but also raise consciousness in the hearts of others. We have Umang Rungta of Class VII raising pertinent questions via a poem regarding the abuse of the environment and also offering solutions.

We are the people of the Earth,
Nobody can take it from us.
But if this is our dear homeland,
Why are we destroying it?
Why are we polluting it?

Preserving its beauty is not an easy
job,
But I believe we can do it.
Whenever we find any trash be it
plastic or a can,
Throw it in the dustbin or the garbage
van.
Achieving this alone would be
difficult,
So please lend me a hand.

Whenever you find wastage of water,
Please close the tap.
Whenever you notice mindless
cutting of trees,
Do something which makes this
destructive activity freeze.
Achieving this alone would be
difficult,
So please lend me a hand.

We are the people of the Earth,
We owe to it a certain duty,
Let us work collectively to maintain
its beauty.



Scindians lend a hand in reviving the heritage of the Fort.

The Bitter Break-up : Brexit

Kabir Saund | XI B

Shocking the entire world, financial markets and Unions, the summer of 2016 delivered to us one of the greatest fallouts in recorded history. The referendum to decide whether Britain stayed in the European Union or not, was comparable to the dilemma faced by Hindustan in 1947 when partition started. The young public of Her Majesty's land, it seems is angry. They want more jobs, and fewer immigrants. The kingdom which once conquered most of the world is now worried about foreigners usurping their jobs. The Syrian crisis was at its peak, and they wanted none of it. Worst of all, failing to leave the EU would've caused widespread distrust and uproar among the working class and by leaving the EU they've ensured the destabilization of the European market. On the 23rd of June when the voting began for the referendum at around 5 a.m., I waited eagerly in front of the TV, waiting for the outcome. Halfway through, the Pound had dropped to Rs. 95, and by the end of the referendum the Pound was at a new low of Rs. 87. Such figures not only shocked me, but the entire financial market, ripples of which are felt till date.

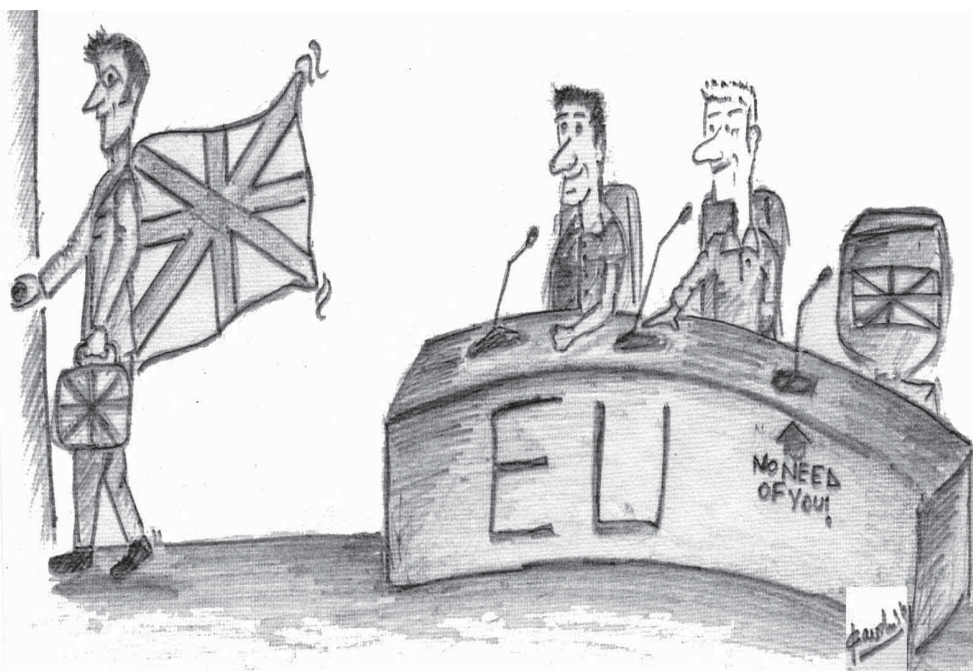
In the short-term, nothing much has changed. Britain is yet to leave the EU. Banks are functioning as they should. Majority of companies are left untouched by this as yet. The real crisis is occurring in the financial markets. The currency value shift, combined with the low interest rates has resulted in sharp inflation and increase in prices, with considerable amounts of imports skyrocketing in value although the average John will hardly feel the blast of the decision the population took.

After a few months, the focus of the hurricane will shift from the markets to daily economic activities. Companies are generally reluctant to invest and produce without confidence in the market and Britain's economy may come to a standstill. Add to this the fact that global scenario is such that banks are poorly placed for any kind of quick recovery. So, uncertainty paired with lack of confidence in the market may lead to recession and bleak times for the working class of Britain.

But the real problems will come to the fore when Britain finally exits the EU. This is the most uncertain part of the process. There is no roadmap laid out for the exit, and it will take months of negotiations to come to any form of tentative conclusion. Britain can choose to shape itself like Norway or Switzerland, in which it shall trade freely with the bloc. But this comes with the negative of free emigration, which was the driving force behind the referendum and was the main concern of the voting population.

Lastly, the once majestic kingdom can be a small piece of floating landmass, less important to the world economy, but respecting its citizens' decisions.

The land where the Sun never set seems to now have a black cloud around itself.



OLD BOYS' NEWS

Our heartiest congratulations to Ajay Poonia (Ex - Sh, 2006), who won the title - 'Ironman' in Bintan, Indonesia on 28th August, 2016. The challenge, colloquially known as Ironman 70.3 (70.3 miles = 113 km) included a 1900 m swim, 90 km cycling and a 21.1 km run. The World Triathlon Corporation organizes Ironman races in about 20 cities worldwide. On the D-day in Indonesia, there were approximately 1900 participants from all over the world. He swam 1900 meters in 42 minutes in the South China Sea, cycled over several hills and ran in the equatorial island sun in humid conditions and completed the race in 6 hours and 8 minutes to claim the title - Ironman. There were many fit athletes who gave up or dropped half-dead before the finishing line; it was the 'mind' that he had managed to master! We hope Ajay's achievement inspires young Scindians to take on extraordinary challenges.

Gagan Khosla (Ex-Je, 1974) is all set to start an ambitious cycling expedition from Leh to Kanyakumari on 21st September 2016. He shall be covering a distance of 4300 kms crossing through five of the highest motorable passes in the world. This expedition is dedicated to the Scindia School. We wish him all the very best !!

Kartikeya Bhargava (Ex -Md, 2012) visited school on 1st September, 2016. He is currently studying computer engineering at York University in Toronto,



Canada. He met all his teachers, Housemaster - Mr Manoj Mishra and the present students. He charmed everybody by his simplicity and happy demeanour. He interacted with the boys of Class XI and shared his experiences as an ace debater that he was during his days in school. He also visited and spoke to the boys of his House and informed them about life in Toronto, Canada.

Sukanya Shukla (Ex - Mj, 2016) has joined the Bates College, which is a private liberal arts college in Lewiston, Maine, USA. She received a 95% scholarship by the college. Our heartiest congratulations to her!

सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स - बच्चों के लिए प्रकाश या अंधेरा

अभिषेक माहौर | 8वीं

आज सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स को दुनिया में बहुत ही लाभदायक स्रोत माना जाता है क्योंकि यह व्यक्ति को दुनिया के किसी भी भाग से जोड़ने तथा एक-दूसरे से संपर्क कराने में सक्षम रहती है। इस दुनिया में हर चीज के दो पहलू होते हैं - अच्छे एवं बुरे।

सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स अच्छी हैं तो बुरी भी है। आज बच्चों के ज्यादा से ज्यादा पाँच-छः दोस्त होते हैं पर फेसबुक पर पाँच सौ से ज्यादा दोस्त बना सकते हैं। मित्रता का जो वास्तविक अहसास होता है वो सिर्फ उन्हीं पाँच-छः में होता है न कि उन दोस्तों में जो सिर्फ फेसबुक पर हैं। इसकी वजह से बच्चों को बहुत ही छोटी उम्र में आँखों की समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता है क्योंकि वे अपना ज्यादा से ज्यादा वक्त कम्प्यूटर पर बैठकर बिताते हैं, जिसके कारण बच्चे अपना वक्त अपने माता-पिता व परिवार के सदस्यों के साथ नहीं बिता पाते और न ही अपना सुख-दुख बाँट पाते हैं। सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स होने के कारण बच्चे अपना ध्यान पढ़ाई पर नहीं लगा पाते और बस सोचते हैं ओह! मुझे 365 लाइक्स मिले हैं, यस! आखिरकार मुझे खूब सारे कमेंट्स मिल ही गए।

एक और बहुत ही खतरनाक समस्या है, जिसका पूरा विश्व सामना कर रहा है, वह है अश्लीलता। बच्चे अश्लीलता की तरफ बहुत ज्यादा आकर्षित हो जाते हैं और इन्हीं चीजों को देखकर वे अपने उज्वल भविष्य को बर्बाद कर बैठते हैं और माता-पिता की आशाओं को मिट्टी में मिला देते हैं। इसकी वजह से हमारी युवा पीढ़ी अपना भविष्य बर्बाद कर रही है।

आज की इस तेज दुनिया में पढ़ाई ही एक ऐसा माध्यम है जिससे एक गरीब भी जीवन की ऊँचाइयों को छू सकता है। युवावस्था में हम अपने भविष्य को ऊँचाइयों की तरफ ले जाते हैं। इसी अवस्था में अगर आप सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स पर अश्लील चीजों में फँस गए तो न आप अपना भविष्य बना पायेंगे और न ही अपने माता-पिता की आशाओं को पूरा कर पायेंगे।

अंत में मैं यही कहना चाहूँगा कि सोशल नेटवर्किंग साइट्स बच्चों के लिए हानिकारक हैं क्योंकि वे इस उम्र में इंटरनेट जैसी सुविधा का प्रयोग सही रूप से करने में सक्षम नहीं होते। यह व्यक्ति पर निर्भर होता है कि वह इसका प्रयोग कब और कैसे करें? बच्चों में सही समझ नहीं होती है, उन्हें नहीं पता होता है कि क्या सही है और क्या गलत। इसलिए माता-पिता को भी बच्चों पर ध्यान देना अति आवश्यक है।

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