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FORT NEWS

A cool nip in the air can be felt with the winds blowing and bringing in light showers. Days are getting longer with shorter nights. However, it isn't long before summer comes calling. Beautiful *Palash*, red and white *Semul* and budding mangoes are peaking into full flush. The Indian Grey Hornbill is often spotted and we eagerly await the presence of the Cuckoo bird and its melodious song. The festival of colours isn't far away. We wish our readers a happy Holi !

The Inter-House B group Basketball Tournament was held from 8th-14th February 2017. The result is as follows:

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

Best player of the final match - Sparsh Agarwalla

Best player of the Tournament - Anirudh Singh Tyagi

The most promising players of the tournament- Prabhal Faguna and Arya Ladha

32 students participated in 'The Tej Group Inter-House Tennis Tournament 2016-17' held from 16th-19th February 2017. The result is as follows:

Winner of the Tournament - Sundaram Malik

Runner-up - Irish Rohra

The B Group Inter-House Cricket Tournament was held from 27th February-6th March 2017. The result is as follows:

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

Man of the Tournament - Agrim Kapoor.

Ms Linda Gibson, Senior International Officer, University of St Andrews, UK visited the school from 24th-25th February 2017. The University, located in Scotland is among the top-5 universities in UK and is well-known for leading in the field of Computer Science. She was accompanied by Mr Kurien Joseph and Mr Vir Singh Anand, the University's representatives in India. They interacted with class XI students and shared with them detailed information about the University.

The four Junior Houses namely Kanerkhed, Nimaji, Dattaji and Jankoji had their house evening on 27th February 2017. It was a memorable evening. The auditorium echoed with laughter as young, budding talents performed in the hall. Pratham Gupta and Gatik Bhonwal anchored the programme. The evening began with a soulful musical symphony, followed by Manjot Singh's eloquent recitation of a poem on the famous story 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The English theatrical production 'Jack and the Beanstalk' transported the audience to a fairyland. The hilarious Hindi play 'Nakalchi Bacha' left the audience in fits of laughter. The evening ended with a visual presentation which shared glimpses of a student's daily life in the school.

Ms Anita Pandey, English faculty, attended the 'Master Trainers Training on English Core' at Gyan Ganga International School, Jabalpur on 3rd and 4th March 2017. The workshop was conducted by CBSE, New Delhi, Centre of Excellence, Training Centre, Pune. The workshop focussed on the prescribed texts, and select writing skills.

Dr Geeta Shukla, Senior Chemistry Faculty and Housemaster of Kanerkhed House, bid us goodbye as she decided to move on. Her last working day in the school was 4th March 2017. During her farewell speech, she expressed her gratitude to the school community in helping her raise her daughters who have now graduated from the school and are doing extremely well. She honed her administrative and leadership skills in the school. She advised all the students to work hard and live up to the expectations of parents and teachers. We wish her all the best in life!

The Valedictory Assembly for the Batch of 2017 was held on the 4th of March. The Assembly was followed by a formal dinner at the Principal's residence. Senior School Prefect, Mriganka Ghosh shared anecdotes and snippets about



each of his batch mates. He thanked his fellow mates and teachers for their love and support. This was followed by a visual presentation which showed their eventful years in the school. They lit candles symbolizing that they will carry forth knowledge into the world outside.

Adventure Activities around the Fort for students of Junior Houses were organised on 4th and 5th March 2017. The activities included Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Zumarung and Wall Climbing. A total of 105 students took part in the first level of activities and 25 students did the second level. It was a perfect weekend for the students as they enjoyed participating in various adventure activities.

Two GAP students, Mr Sebastian Henry George McCarthy and Mr Joseph Henry Charles from Ellesmere College, UK are on a visit to the school for an exchange programme from 5th March-4th April 2017. They will interact with the students according to their respective area of expertise. We hope that they will have a fruitful stay on the Fort.

Mr Graham Nurser and Ms Wendy Nurser are on a 10-day visit to the school. Mr Graham has a rich teaching experience of 40 years and has retired as an English faculty from Wellington College, England. He is also an honorary member of the Round Square. His wife, Wendy has served at Downe House School, England as a History teacher for 25 years.



Achieving the Goals

Saksham Goel | X A

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

- Thomas Jefferson

There is an inspiring story of a tiny frog who achieved the impossible. A frog, one day decided that it will climb a tree and reach the very top. All the other frogs shouted at him saying, "It's impossible, it's impossible!" But the frog wouldn't give up. He continued to climb higher and higher and finally reached the top. How? Because he was deaf, and thought that everyone was encouraging him to reach the top!

Be deaf to the discouragements that people around you have to offer to you; those who tell you that your dreams and goals are unrealistic and are therefore, unattainable. Be deaf to negative thoughts, if your aim is to reach to your goal. Focus and intensity of effort makes determined minds 'deaf and blind' to external and internal distraction. As students our main concern is how to study without distraction. What is it that makes us divert from our path? Is it difficult to keep studying with full concentration for a long time? And if studying is what we should be doing, why do we deviate from our path?

The answer to these questions is very simple - it is our mind. Our mind entertains thoughts spasmodically and hence we keep on shifting away from our path. It is just because our mind accepts easier tasks, which do not require any hard work. We are tempted to deviate from our thoughts and actions which bring greater good just because it requires perspiration and pain. And to run away from hard work, the mind even makes us forget things that we plan, which in turn results into the delay of our work and worse, even failure.

Can we overcome this? Yes. The magic formula is self-observation and awareness. There's a story of a disciple who went to the master and said, "Could you give me a word of wisdom? Could you tell me something that would guide me through my days?" It was the master's day of silence, so he picked up a writing pad. It said, "Awareness." When the disciple saw it, he said, "This is too brief. Can you expand on it a bit?" So the master took back the pad and wrote, "Awareness, awareness, awareness." The disciple said, "Yes, but what does it mean?" The master took back the pad and wrote, "Awareness, awareness, awareness means -- awareness."

It means to watch out on oneself. Take time to pay attention to your daily planned activities instead of just 'surviving the day'. You would have worked very hard over it and may really believe that it is your plan - an achievable dream, and without it, life is impossible. That would make you reach your goals and it becomes possible only through focus. Make the present moment the focal point in your life. Don't think much about the future. Make your present better, to make the future best. Don't focus on your dreams, but rather how to achieve them. There is no harm in thinking of achieving something grand, but if you don't work for it or if you don't devote your time towards that, even thinking about it, is useless. Whatever your goal is, just tell yourself to be patient. Also remind yourself that the task that you are pursuing is very easy and you love it. It may be hard during the first effort, and you might get irritated, but afterwards your brain would start accepting things and achieving targets that would become a lot easier then. Just thinking of big dreams won't make you attain it. Have a dream, focus really hard on how to achieve it, and you will succeed. Michelangelo, one of the greatest artists of all times observed that "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we can't reach it." Winners are people who keep their aim high and persevere to reach it. They never pay attention to what other people's opinions are when it comes to their dreams and goals. Focus on your goal and march with confidence towards it and nothing can stop you from reaching to your desired destination.

Games Excellence Awards & Honour 2016-17

Games Excellence Award Ceremony took place on 10th March 2017. Mahindra Chhetri won the 'Sports Blazer Award' for the year 2016-17 for his exemplary sportsmanship and was appointed the Games Captain for the year 2016-17. The results of various sports colours are:

Game	Full Colour	Half Colour
Athletics	Kartikeya Kulshreshth Anurag Yadav Adwait Sharma	Shishir Pandey Ishaan Khurana
Hockey		Chopel Bhutia Uttam Rai
Cricket	Ayush Agrawal Anirudh Awasthi Kushagra Agarwal Ishan Gangwani Akshay Bhargava Vedansh Bansal Abhyuday Chouhan	Agrim Kapoor Ravi Adiwasi
Soccer	Aviral Jain Zigme Gurung Reekela Bhutia Kishang Tamang Chleopus Limboo	Karma Lepcha Brijraj Pratap Singh Avishkar Chettri Tushar Saini
Basketball		Param Yadav Sambhav Mittal Anirudh Singh Tyagi Aditya Gupta Prateek Parihar Darpan Agarwal Ansh Gupta Aryan Yadav Pulkit Kumar Anant Narayan Rai Sundaram Malik Varun Gupta Vedant Choudhary Rakshit Malhotra
Table Tennis		
Tennis		
Squash	Pavan Jaini	
Swimming	Shreyesh Dubey Alankrit Awasthi Nitya Mehra	
Shooting	Devansh Tandon Aditi Joshi Rachit Agarwal Angad Sahni	Daksh Gupta Toshit Goyal Chaitanya Agarwal Shashank Kumar
Archery	Vivek Pratap Singh Mavai Divij Agarwal Varun Kapoor Abhinav Yadav Gaurav Agarwal	
Skating	Kushagra Kaushik	Keshav Agarwal Pratham Agarwal Somesh Kumar Pratham Gupta Akash Phogat Yash Saharan Ayush Singh Yuvraj Bhatia Abhinav Gautam Shivam D. gupta Snehil Tripathi Gaurav Jeronia Nikhil Kumar Karma Lepcha Kartikeya Kulshreshth Shishir Pandey Suyash Bansal Dhan Bahadur Sher Bahadur Dahal
Chess		
Karate/Martial Art		
Horse Riding/Equestrian		
Golf		
Cross Country	Zigme Gurung	

Tête-à-tête with Dr Geeta Shukla

Dedicated, disciplined, elegant, tough, yet with an inimitable child like enthusiasm.....well! The list of adjectives could go on – but words can never do complete justice in describing the loving nature of Dr Geeta Shukla. A powerful personality – she is someone who knows exactly the magic that sparks a child’s mind while helping him explore the baffling world of perplexing elements.

Her journey on the Fort began in 2007 as member of the Faculty in Chemistry. Ever since then, she has facilitated the success of many students not only in the field of Chemistry but also outside it, with her boundless care. Her contribution to the school is invaluable; be it as an ideal Housemaster or as an appreciative mentor to a wide range of students – from the junior most to the senior most.

She took up the responsibility of ‘Nucleus’ – our annual Science Magazine. We all have witnessed its ever-rising standards as it pours startling yet realistic Science into our raw minds. The monthly newsletter ‘Scienstein’ started by her went a long way into creating interest in Science Journalism. She successfully managed the Chemical Hobby and brought ANCO to the school which has had a positive impact on the students.

Her efforts for Nanhi Kali cannot be undermined as she put her heart and soul into this Women Empowerment NGO. Her other notable contribution is the passionate organisation of the ‘Communal Harmony Week’. The diverse activities and range of expressions that it brought to us helped us understand the concept of community so much better. Infact, this is the hallmark of Dr Shukla, she always helped us expand our horizons and understand things much better than we could have ever done on our own.

We have also seen her as a loving and affectionate Housemaster over the past couple of years. Under her guidance, the KD House has excelled and flourished in every area of school life.

She has fuelled us with the spirit to learn and achieve more and more and always be hungry. We thank Dr Geeta Shukla for her service to this institution over all these years. We wish her all the happiness in life. Thank you for everything!

-Snehil Tripathi, XII A

Dr Geeta Shukla has been interviewed by the Correspondents and she has shared her responses with us.

• Greatest pleasure in life?
To read books

• What would you never go without?
Books

• Last thing you do before going to sleep?
Read a book, listen to music and of late to check WhatsApp and if possible to chat with my daughters.

• First thing you do after getting up?
Tuning radio for Bhajans and checking WhatsApp for any message which my daughters may have sent.

• One thing you always have with you?
Firm belief in the presence of a divine power.

• Your life long desire/wish?
All wishes cannot ever be fulfilled.

• Your favourite student/any batch that you may have been particularly fond of?
First batch of all the schools where I have worked became my favourite.

• Your favourite place on the Fort? Why?
The stretch from Urwai gate to the Junior School gate. Since my day of arrival in late night on the Fort, the place holds a mysterious charm for me.

• What is your dream destination?
Mount Everest

• Your biggest learning from school.
It is indeed very difficult to list a few. There are many of them.

• Who according to you is the most dashing teacher?
It would be difficult to name any one.

• One thing that you wish to change in the school.
I wish my students to become more accommodating towards different personalities around.

• Your motto in life.
Work hard with complete dedication; everything else will fall in line in due course of time.

• What nick name have the students kept for you? What is the origin of this name?
There may be many but I am aware of only one- ‘Benzene’, probably because of the way I pronounce it.

• What was that one thing that you did which you should not have done as a teacher of the Scindia School?
Losing temper

• Have you ever been partial to a student?
Never in my conscious memory.

• What is that one trait that you think is unique in Scindian students?
Confidence level.

• How do you think the batch of

students have changed with time during your stay in Scindia?

The changes are in sync with the changes around the world, each batch is more challenging than the previous one.

• What sport do you enjoy playing/witnessing the most?

I am not a sports person but learnt something about a few games as I watched students play on the field. I love to see a game of Basketball and Volleyball because I can at least see where the ball is going. In other field games it becomes difficult to see the ball movement on the field.

• What do you think could be changed for good in the education pattern that the school follows?

More research based writing needs to be included in all subjects.

• Which is the best time of the academic year for you?

Founder’s Day for its maddening pace of work.

• Close your eyes. Which place of the campus or the Fort do you see first? What significance does this place have for you?

Open Air Theatre.... The former Principal, Mr N.K. Tewari on the



Dr Geeta Shukla.

stage... reading out the oath for the Prefectural body...my hair standing on its end and a tearful lump in my throat. My induction to The Scindia School was done on that day.

• Is there any proverb that defines your personality?

It will be better if others define me using a proverb.

• Any personal achievement that you are very proud of?

My association with the Nanhi Kali Project

• Something that very few people know about you.

That I love watching movies.

भ्रष्टाचार**आकाश फोगाट | कक्षा 10 ए**

देश को चला रहे हम आज तक पुराणों का मान के,
देश को इतना आगे बढ़ाना है कि समुद्र भी लॉघ दें ।
हमारी विजय के गीत को दुश्मन भी सलाम दे,
हम इस क्रोध को देश-प्रेम का नाम दें ।
दुख भरे पलों को भी हम शांति से निकाल दें,
ऐसी सफलता मिले की खामोशी में भी आवाज़ डाल दें ।
न हो कोई धर्म, न हो कोई सत्ता का भूखा जो देशों में टकराव डाल दे,
सभी हों एक समान और सभी को एक जैसा ही सम्मान दें ।
आओ! दोस्तों मिलकर हम हमारे हिन्दुस्तान की सबसे बड़ी बीमारी को निकाल दें,
सालों से अंदर से खा रहा इस भ्रष्टाचार को मार दें ।
करनी है आजीवन इस देश की सेवा, आओ! मेरे हाथों में हाथ दें,
चलो दोस्तो! शहीद भगत सिंह के सिद्धांतों को मान दें ।
आओ! आज सब मिलकर बुराइयों की दीवारों को लॉघ दें,
ऐसे कदम मिलाकर चलो कि दुश्मनों के बीच हाहाकार डाल दें,
इन देश के भ्रष्टाचारियों को सौंप कर, भेड़ियों के बीच न डाल दें ,
जो मछली कर रही तालाब को गंदा, आज उसे ही निकाल दें ।
इस भ्रष्टाचारियों को अब न नेता का नाम दें
क्योंकि नेता हमारे प्रतीक हैं, अपने पर दाग न आने दें ।
उजली इस चिंगारी को अब ना तू विराम दे,
धरती माता को नोच रहे, इन भेड़ियों के नाखून ही काट दें ।
अब भारत की नींव में गद्दारी निकालकर हीरे डाल दें,
पुरखों की कमाई इस संस्कृति को होने न नीलाम दें ।
शहीदों की इस मिट्टी में अपना लहु भी डाल दें,
चिंगारी से बनी इस आग को आगे भी बढ़ने दें ।
मिटना नहीं चाहिए, भारत को सबसे उच्च का नाम दें,
ये सब तभी हो पाएगा, जब हर कोई इस मतभेद को त्याग दे ।
इस माता को जो काट रहे, उन भ्रष्टाचारी कीड़ों को मार दें,
देश को इतना आगे बढ़ाना कि समुद्र भी लॉघ दें ।
जय हिंद !!!

OBITUARY

Mr G.P. Upadhyaya, former librarian at the School passed away on 13th March 2017 in Gwalior. He served the school for about 50 years. He was also the Incharge for the Social Service League and actively participated in all Round Square activities held in the school. We pray for the eternal salvation of the departed soul. We pass on our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and pray that they are able to bear this irreparable loss. You can convey your condolences to his son Pradeep at 9435391616.

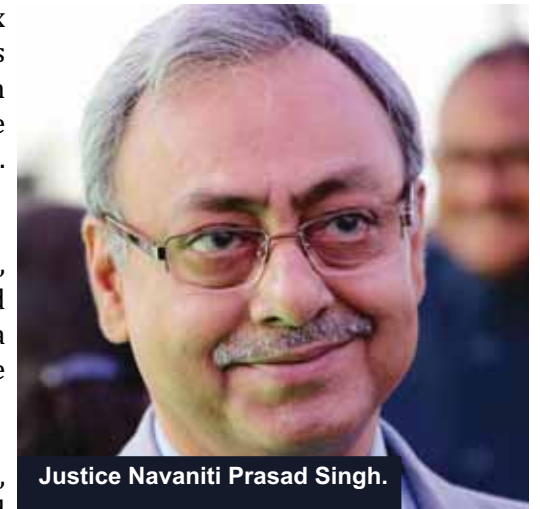
OLD BOYS' NEWS

In the March 2017 issue of the Reader's digest, an article on Mr Gagan Khosla (Ex - Je, 1974) entitled, 'The Ultimate High' has been featured. The article vividly captures his adventurous 'Leh to Kanyakumari' cycling expedition which he successfully completed in the month of October 2016.

Justice Navaniti Prasad Singh (Ex - Je, 1973) has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court. He will take oath on the 20th of March 2017 in Trivandrum. Heartiest congratulations!

Mr Veer Vikram Singh (Ex - Je, 2005) has won in the recently held assembly elections in U.P. from Katra constituency. He is a member of the BJP. Heartiest congratulations!

Mr Surjakumar Okram (Ex - Mj, 2005) has won in the recently held assembly elections in Manipur from Khangabok constituency. He is a member of the INC. Heartiest congratulations!



Justice Navaniti Prasad Singh.

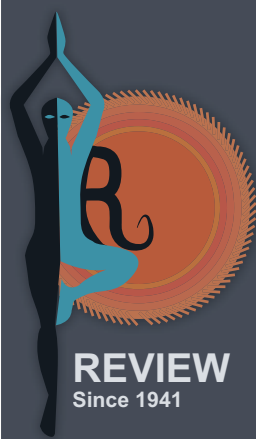
Dear Alumnus,

This is to remind you that the process for receiving nominations for the prestigious Madhav Award for the year 2017 has begun. I request you to nominate Old Boys of The Scindia School who have distinguished themselves in their professional fields and send your nominations to me by 15 April 2017. The nominations received will then be taken up by the Awards Committee for consideration. According to the procedure, the proposer needs to submit:

1. Brief particulars of the nominee mentioning his / her achievements and contribution on the basis of which the nomination is being made
2. Nominee's correct contact information
3. Names and contact information of two Referees who have no link with the School in any manner.

I shall appreciate your kind cooperation in this important endeavour to honour our distinguished alumni.

M.D. Saraswat

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