



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,  
We cannot prepare the future for our children but together we can certainly prepare our children for the future.

You dear parents are the primary and life-long teachers of our children. The greatest gift we can give to our children is our love and a set of values. Values that we live with and don't just preach about. Values that include an understanding of the simple

difference between right and wrong, a strong belief in God, the importance of hardwork and education, respect for oneself and others and a belief in oneself.

Let us teach our children that life is a journey of struggles, hardwork, failures and achievements. As much as we would all love to live an easy going life with endless resources and finances, life would be monotonous if there were no challenges to face and obstacles to overcome.

Success begotten without any hard labour or without crossing any insurmountable barrier is hardly remembered even by the most successful people. No one in this world is spared from illfortunes and a certain share of bad luck, disappointments and failures. What separates successful people from not so successful is the individual ability to deal with failures. While some succumb to their past rejections and present failures, some rise above it and strive harder to perfect their processes to achieve success. Successful people look beyond their set backs and reset their goals with renewed enthusiasm and vigor.

Nirmala takes an active interest in its students academic success as well as their broader social and cultural life. We believe that now, more than ever, it is important for all students to aim for the best qualifications possible so that they compete with confidence in accessing higher education and achieving their goals.

I would like to thank all our parents for their continuous support to our children and the school in achieving our goal. Your support to the school is invaluable and greatly appreciated by the management and staff.

The portals of our school are open to all who share our dreams. We heartily welcome any suggestion to make our dream a reality. So lets all work together for the success of our students.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement.

- Sr. Yvette

## THE EDITOR SPEAKS



Dear Readers,

You have the latest issue of our News Letter in your hands which mirrors our achievements of the academic year 2008-09. Its indeed a delightful experience for the students to see their talents finding expression in the elegantly printed columns of the News Letter. We are happy to see that our attempts have now started bearing fruits as the students are now responding enthusiastically to the invitation of contributions for the News Letter. In a big heap of papers that lay on the editor's table, there were many well-written, original articles and well composed poems which are being published in this issue.

Parents frequently complain that their child is weak in English writing and conversation, that he or she cannot write correct sentences, that sentences are not happily worded, that the child is not fluent in English speaking and the like. I think the best way to deal with all such problems is to develop a taste for reading and writing, to inculcate habits of sitting in the library, going to the book-stalls, reading English newspapers and magazines. Let us not confine their reading and writing to the subjects that are taught at the school and the text-books that are prescribed in the school-curriculum. Let them go beyond it. Let them not cram the sentences without understanding their meaning, as most of our students do for getting good marks in the examinations. A student at the secondary level must be proficient enough to understand the text and to frame correct sentences. If it is not so, the child will definitely have problems in future when he takes to higher studies. Its indeed a pitiful thing that the child knows the answer of the question but cannot write it correctly because he has a poor hold over the language.

The basis of learning is reading. Children who are exposed to an extensive range of interesting books and encouraged to read and share them, are consistently found to learn the target language more quickly. Teachers can play an important role in helping the child to go beyond the text-book framework and learn on their own out of choice and interest. Children who read well do better in all subjects and in all aspects of schooling - and beyond.

- K.K. Tiwari



# From The Reporter's Diary

(April 2008-March 2009)

1. **The New Session Begins :** April 3 marked the beginning of the current academic session, 2008-2009. An air of freshness and enthusiasm pervaded the atmosphere as students assembled in the morning for prayer. They were greeted by the Principal and were advised to begin their studies with determination and sincerity.

2. **Installation of the School Parliament :** A special morning assembly was held on 30 April to administer the oath of duty and loyalty to the newly elected members of the school parliament. They were given their sashes and were reminded of their duties and responsibilities.



Members of the School Parliament after the Installation Ceremony

3. **Farewell to Rev. Sr. Sandhya :** Rev. Sr. Sandhya who served this institution for three years as Vice-Principal was given farewell with heavy hearts by the students, staff and the management on May 1.

4. **The Re-Opening :** The school re-opened after the summer vacation on July 2. The new Vice-Principal of the school Rev. Sr. Beena was introduced to the students in the morning assembly.

5. **Inspection of the School :** The school was inspected by a team of sisters of the Educational Society of the Ursulineis of Mary Immaculate on July 15. A get-together was held to introduce the members of the inspection team to the members of the staff.

6. **Celebration of the Independence Day :** The Independence Day was celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm. The National tri-colour was hoisted by the Principal which was followed by a variety entertainment programme which included patriotic

singing and speeches. The programme concluded with an inspiring speech by the Principal.

7. **Honouring the Senior Teachers :** A group of the ex-students of this school, some of them now leading businessmen of the town, in a noble gesture, honoured the teachers who taught them in the school. They presented them bouquets and mementoes as a mark of honour and respect. The programme was held in the morning assembly of September 6.

8. **Celebration of the Teacher's Day :** The day began with a special prayer service for the teachers which was followed by a variety entertainment programme put-up by the students for their teachers. Towards the end of the programme four of the senior members of the staff were honoured on completion of 25 years of dedicated service to the institution. Later, at a get-together, the jubilarians were also honoured by the school management.

9. **Children's Day Celebration :** The celebration began with a special assembly conducted by the teachers for the students. The teachers then put-up a fancy fete for the students which had a variety of stalls ranging from eatables to games.

10. **Funs At The Fun-City :** Students from Class VI to XII went on an outing to Fun-City, Bareilly on November 15 and had lots of fun.

11. **'Expressions 2008' :** The school celebrated its Annual Day on November 19. A Physical cultural display by the students on the school playground marked the occasion. (Report follows)

12. **Feast of Mother Mary [Dec. 8] :** A special assembly was conducted by the students to focus light on the life of Mother Mary through songs and speeches.

13. **Annual Sports Meet [Dec. 19 & 20] :** Our Principal Rev. Sr. Yvette declared the Meet open at 8:30 AM on December 19 and soon after the athletic events began. These events included races (long and short), throws and jumps, most of the final events took place on December 20. The Sports Meet ended at 2 PM with the closing ceremony.

14. **Celebration of Christmas at the School :** A cultural programme was held in the school on the eve of Christmas. It included



Flag Hoisting by the Principal Independence Day



Oath-Taking on the Installation day



The Three Architects of Indian Independence



An Action Song Being Presented on the Independence Day





Farewell Function-the Principal lights the lamp.

the Christmas play in the form of a dance drama followed by carol singing. Later, a get-together was held for the staff in which farewell was given to Mrs. Kiran Khatri (on her retirement) and Mrs. Meenal Quera.

**15. Republic Day Celebration :** The National tri-colour was unfurled by Rev. Sr. Yvette - our principal which was followed by march past. The programme included speeches, patriotic group songs, a group dance and a short skit - (report follows). Classes III, IV and V had the final events of their sports after the cultural programme.

**16. Fare-thee-well :** Farewell was given to the outgoing students of class XII on 19 February 2009. A prayer meeting was held for the students which was followed by a variety entertainment programme. Rev. Sr. Yvette - our Principal delivered her message to the outgoing students in an inspiring speech made by her.

**17. The A.I.S.S.E. and A.I.S.S.C.E. Begin :** The All

India Secondary School Examinations and All India Senior School Certificate Examinations began on March 2 with which the academic session ended.

**18. The School Literary & Dramatic Association :** The association was inaugurated on May 3 by Rev. Sr. Yvette - our Principal in the school hall. The following is an account of the activities conducted by the association during the year :

- I. An Elocution Contest - 'Just A Minute' for the students from Class IX to XII on 5 July.
- II. A solo dance competition for the students from Class VI to Class VIII on July 28.
- III. A Recitation Competition for Classes I and II on July 30 and August 1.
- IV. A solo singing and recitation competition for Classes III to V on August 2.
- V. A Science Quiz for the senior classes on August 2.
- VI. A Solo Dance competition for the tiny tots of Class I on 25th August.
- VII. A Folk Dance competition for Classes III to V on August 30.
- VIII. A Recitation competition for Classes VI to VIII on 30 August.
- IX. Solo singing competition for Class IX to XII on September 6.
- X. 'Tell a Tale' competition for Class I on 16 September.
- XI. A debate on the topic - 'TV viewing is essential for the overall development of our personalities' for Classes VI to VIII on 20 September.



'Many Happy Returns of the Day' wishes a student to Rev. Sr. Yvette-Our Principal on her birth-day



Jubilarians of the School (From the left) Mrs. Suman Singh, Mr. B.C. Pant, Mrs. Usha Pant, Mrs. Meena Pande and Mrs. Noorani Khatoon being honoured on the Teachers' Day



A Scene from the Christmas Play



Mrs. Kiran Khatri receiving a token of love on her farewell



A Dance Presented on Valedictory Function of the L.A.





The outgoing students of class XII at the Farewell Function

the Ministry of Forest and Wildlife welfare on the eve of the Ozone Day and came out with flying colours.

II. Our dance team participated in a folk-dance competition organised by the cultural society of Parvatiya Utthan Manch on 10 January and bagged the III prize.

III. Our students participated in singing and dance competitions organised by the Lion's Club and 'Amar Ujala' daily on the Republic Day.

#### 20. Games & Sports - (round-up) Inter-House Matches :

I. Junior Boys foot-ball match between Raman and Pataudi Houses on August 2.

II. Junior Girls throw-ball match between Teressa and Raman Houses on August 2.

III. Basket-ball match between Raman and Priyadarshini Houses on August 30.

IV. Junior girls throw-ball match between Pataudi and Priyadarshini Houses on 6 September.

V. Senior Girls Basket-ball match between Pataudi House and Theresa House on 1 November.

VI. Junior girls throw-ball match between Pataudi House and Theresa House on 17 January 2009.

VII. Nirmala Convent School won the Inter-school girls Basket-ball match against St. Theresa School, Kathgodam on Nov. 8.

#### 21. Observance of Memorable Days :

I. 'Earth Day' was observed in the school on April 22 by holding a special morning assembly by the students of Class XII B. The group-song that was sung and the thoughts and the speeches that were delivered highlighted the importance of saving mother earth from greedy man and exploitative nature of modern technology.

II. In the special morning assembly of April 24, 'Manav Ekta Diwas' was observed.

III. The non-tutorial staff of the school was honoured on May Day that falls on 1 May.

IV. A special morning assembly was conducted by the students of Class XI C on July 11 to observe the World Population Day.

V. In the morning assembly of July 28, homage was paid to the martyrs of the 'Kargil War' by the students of Class X B on Kargil Victory Day.

VI. Students of Class X C observed the anniversary of the Quit India Movement on August 9 in a special morning assembly.

VII. The importance of 'Rakshabandhan' was highlighted in the morning assembly of August 14 through speeches and songs by the students of Class IX B.

XII. Debate on the topic, 'Coaching Institutes are necessary for scoring good marks in the A.I.S.S.E. & A.I.S.S.C.E.' for Classes IX to XII on November 18.

XIII. Singing competition for Classes VI to VIII on 18 December.

XIV. Dance competition for Classes IX to XII on 18 December.

XV. Fancy Dress competition for the tiny tots of Classes I & II on 21 and 22 January 2009.

XVI. Dance competition for Classes VI to VIII on 23 January.

XVII. The Literary Association held its Valedictory Function on February 7. cultural programme was staged on the occasion.

19. 'Nirmala Shines' - Nirmalites Outside Nirmala : The participation of the Nirmalites in different Inter-school, local level, district level and even state level competitions has been praiseworthy. The following is a report :

I. Our students participated in Inter-school Elocution contest and Drawing & Painting competition organised by



Bravo! Congratulations! Raman House-Winner in Overall Performance



Congratulations! Pataudi House-the runner-Overall performance



Congratulations ! Priyadarshini House-Winner-L.A. Activities





**Congratulations Raman  
House-Winner-House Duties**

VIII. The students of Class IX C conducted a special morning assembly to celebrate the Birth of Lord Krishna on 'Janmashtami'. The students of Class IV presented a special item on the occasion.

IX. The feast of Ven. Mother Bridget of Jesus, the foundress of the Ursuline Congregation was celebrated on September 3. The speeches that were made on the occasion and the songs that were sung shed light on the life and works of Mother Bridget.

X. The importance of literacy was highlighted by the students of Class VIII A in the morning assembly of September 8, on World Literacy Day.



**We are proud of you- Urvashi  
Bisht (VII B) receiving the RANK  
award Trophy (instituted by  
the AIR INDIA) from the Hon'ble  
Governor of Uttarakhand.**

XI. 'Hindi Diwas' was observed in the school on 8 September. Thought provoking speeches were made by the students on the occasion.

XII. Father of the nation - Mahatma Gandhi was remembered in the morning assembly of October 1. Inspiring speeches were made on the occasion.

XIII. The students of Class VIII C reminded their schoolmates of their duties towards the elders on the International Day of Elders that falls on 1 October.

XIV. The importance of the Festival of Lights-Deepawali was expressed by the students of Class X A in the morning assembly of 10 October.

XV. The students of Class XI A conducted a special assembly on 1 December, the World Aids Day to create awareness against the dreaded disease - Aids.

XVI. 'Sadbhawana Diwas' was observed in the school by the students of Class VIII B on 5 December. The aims and objectives of 'Dharam Bharti' - an N.G.O. were highlighted in the morning assembly.

XVII. Special morning assembly was conducted by the students to focus the light on the life of Mary Immaculate, the mother of Jesus Christ on 6 December.

XVIII. Rank holders in the National Science Olympiad and Maths Olympiad were awarded Medals and Cash prizes on April 17.

## **22. Seminars & Symposia :**

I. The first seminar of the session was conducted by Fr. Pius D Souza for the teachers on 30 June. It was also attended by the teachers of St. Theresa School Kathgodam.

II. Our Science teacher, Mrs. Chitra Raj attended a seminar held at Indian Habitat centre, New Delhi from 30 June to 2 July. It was organised by the ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. Later, on 12 July, Mrs. Raj apprised the science and maths teachers of the school of the proceedings of the above seminar.

III. Rev. Sr. Beena and three of our English teachers represented the school at a workshop on effective teaching of English. The workshop was organised by Orient Longman Pvt. Ltd. at St. Theresa School on 19 July.

IV. The students of Class VIII attended a seminar on 16 September organised by the Dharam Bharti at our school to create awareness among the students about respect and tolerance of other religions of the world.

V. The English teachers of our school and from some other schools of the city attended a workshop on skills of English teaching on 27 September. The workshop was organised by Pearson Longman in our school - hall.

VI. Our Physics teachers - Mr. Santosh Joshi and Miss Hema Bisht attended a workshop on the teaching of Physics in Sr. Secondary Classes. It was organised by 'Sarvodaya Sadhana Samuh', Haldwani on 20 October.

VII. A workshop on career counselling was held in the school on January 28 for the students of Class IX to XII. The resource person Prof. Sanjib Kumar Acharya - an educationist and career counsellor gave a wealth of valuable information to the students about choosing a career.



**"Fare-thee-well, ye blossoms of this garden! Let thine fragrance  
be the pride of the Nation." The outgoing students of  
class XII, sec. A, Band C (from bottom) with  
the Principal and their teachers.**



# Expressions - 2008



-We offer you - Peace, Unity and Harmony-

The fret and fever of the half-yearly examination ultimately got over and the school premises were seen buzzing with the activities of our busy little bees - children of the primary classes. Their faces glittered with joy as they thronged round their teachers in the assembly ground or on the playground. The cause of their delight was obviously the Annual Function in which their talents and skills were going to find expression. Their hearts were brimming with joy and legs were bubbling with enthusiasm. The school playground now looked lively presenting the wonderful sight of children dancing, singing, jumping making formations and taking aerobic exercises.

As the date of the function drew nearer, rehearsal became more intense and excitement increased. The Tent House people began to cover the ground and all was set for the grand show.

It was 28 November. A large gathering gave a standing ovation to the Chief Guest, Mr. M.K. Pant, G.M. Roadways Uttarakhand and to the Guest of Honour Mrs. Renu Adhikari, Chairperson, Municipality, Haldwani-Kathgodam at 2 P.M. sharp and the programme began with an impressive march-past by the children of the primary classes. The first to appear on the ground after the march past were the tiny-tots of the K.G. section. "Their colourful costumes", said a parent, "reminded me of William Wordsworth's Daffodils in which he says -

I gazed and gazed but little thought

What wealth the show to me had brought."

People applauded repeatedly as children displayed Karate skills on the ground in the item 'Tai Sabaki'. 'Khabon Ki Udan', presented by the students of the Hindi Medium section of the school was an excellent performance. Class II presented 'Panoramic Aura'. Its message was - 'heal the world with love and care and save the environment'. Patriotic fervor found expression in the item 'Kayanate Ishaque' presented by the children of Class III. It presented glimpses of the cosmopolitan culture of India. The message that every child is special was given by the children of Class IV in their item Budding Blooms.

'Euphoria' - presented by Class V provided a glorious look to the school playground. Let peace prevail was the message that it gave. The enormous globe that was put in the middle of the ground caught the eyes of the spectators. They were spell bound to see a melodious dance drama in perfect rhythm and style. Children in colourful costumes covering every corner of the ground, delivering the message of peace, love and



The Green House call : 'Don't kill the goose that lays golden eggs.'



brotherhood and providing a mesmerising concluding touch to the programme.

The Chief Guest, Mr. M.K. Pant and the Guest of Honour, Mrs. Renu Adhikari congratulated the Principal, staff and the students for putting up an excellent programme and appreciated the efforts made by the school in providing quality education to the children.

Our Annual Day Programme, Expressions 2008, was given due coverage by the print and the electronic media. The parents liked the way their children and our young and budding artistes acquitted themselves on the ground. The memories of the day are still fresh in my mind. In the words of William Wordsworth let me now conclude -

The music in my heart I bore -  
Long after it was heard no more.

A Viewer



Our Tiny Tots In Action



Let the Pigeons of Peace Fly Across the Seas



Bruce Lees in Making - A show of Karate





# ANNUAL SPORTS & ATHLETIC MEET 2008



Rohit Joshi - Senior Boys Sports Champion

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." - is a very popular and true saying and is applicable everywhere. To develop sportsman spirit among students, Annual Athletic Meet is organized by our school every year in the month of December. This year it was held on 19th and 20th of December, 08.

Sports day at school is always a day of great fun and excitement for all - participants and audience.

On 19th December 08, the Opening Ceremony began with the unfurling of the school flag by our respected principal, Sister Yvette, followed by a very impressive march past by the students of classes IX-XII, house wise, led by their respective house leaders. Then the Torch Bearing Ceremony was held and the annual athletic

meet was declared "OPEN".

After the inaugural ceremony, the various sports events started which included a number of races like 100m, 200m, 400m, 200 × 4 relay, 800m marathon, etc. and throws and jumps like - long jump, high jump, shot put, discuss throw, etc.

Students of various houses and classes actively participated and competed with true spirit of sportsmanship. The audience cheered them and they tried their level best to win. But as it is said -

"Many run the race but, only one wins", the best ones won and their Houses were given points for that along with the medals given to the individuals.

There was also a very good arrangement of snacks for all the students by the school management. Along with the excitement of the events, there was the added desire to know which house would win the Sports Championship.

At the end of the second day (20th Dec.), when all the events were over, the closing ceremony was held and the annual athletic and sports meet was declared "Closed", by our principal.

In this way, our school sports day went on smoothly, with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. For this we would like to thank our Principal, sports teachers and all other teachers.

Shifa Shamsi

IX - B



Aditi Balutiya Junior Girls Sports Champion



Sumedha Pande - Senior Girls Sports Champion



Raman House - the Runner-up



Pataudi House WINS the Trophy





## 'I Love My India' ..... Now Just a Song !!

Gone are those days when the slogans like 'jai hind', 'mera Bharat mahan' and many such others filled pride in the eyes of the people. Now a days, these echoes can only be heard in the cremation ceremony of a martyr and

this feeling of 'pride' only comes when India wins a cricket match ! The youth of today has restricted the love for the country just to the cricket ground. The only time or moment for the Indian youth when he remembers the sacrifices of the martyrs is when he sits down to see movies like 'Border', 'LOC' or 'the legend of Bhagat Singh' ! The feeling to do something for the nation vanishes on moving out of the movie hall ...!!

'I love my India is not a feeling now but rather has just become a song often sung for group dances ... !!

Its shocking to see young lads getting distracted during the National Anthem and on being asked the reason, they casually reply, 'kya karna hai National Anthem ga ke didi, is desh ne hamein diya he kya hai ...!'

Where is our young generation towards ...? Is this the day for which the martyrs laid down their lives? Have the Indians lost their essence of patriotism, the feeling of pride somewhere in the influence of western culture ....! Answers ..... we all are well aware of !!

Youth of today finds it useless to join Army, a job with a meagre salary and a risky future ! It's a common and sad sight to see our 'Tiranga' and posters of our great leaders and martyrs lying on the roadside or being used by little children to make 'aeroplanes' ....!

This situation forces me to think and ponder upon as to how the word 'Patriotism' has lost its meaning. Love for India, love for our country has become a pleasant past !!

As I sit and think on this, a tear slowly rolls down by my cheek and I just thank God that I am not a part of this and 'I Love My India' is not just a song but an intense feeling deep inside my heart .....

**Priyanka Bisht**  
XII - B

## THE STRANGER

A few years after I was born, my father met a stranger who was new to our small town, Haldwani. From the beginning, my father was fascinated by this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and became the center of everyone's attraction.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in our family. In my young mind, each member had a special place! My parents were my complementary instructors - Mom taught me religious and family traditions and Dad taught me to respect them.

But the stranger was our story-teller. He could weave the most fascinating tales; adventures, mysteries and comedies were a part of our daily conversations. He would hold our family spellbound for hours each Evening.

If I ever wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he knew it all. He knew about the past, understood the present and could seemingly predict the future. The pictures he would draw were so lifelike that I would often laugh or cry as I watched. He was like a friend to the whole family. He took father to watch cricket matches. He was always encouraging us to see films and he even made arrangements to introduce us to several film stars. I was deeply impressed by Katrina Kaif in particular.

The stranger was an incessant talker. My father did not seem to mind but sometimes my mother would quietly get up and leave the room while the rest of us were enthralled by one of his stories of faraway places. I wonder now, if she ever prayed that the stranger would leave.

You see, my father rules our household and he has laid down certain codes of conduct. But somehow this stranger never felt obliged to honour them. He talked freely, probably much too freely, about a wide range of topics. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive and generally embarrassing, but by the grace of God, the stranger did not misguide us in any way. In fact, he cautioned us about the right and wrongs of life.

More than thirteen years have passed since the stranger first moved in with our family. If you were to walk into our home today, you would see him sitting in the corner, waiting for me to return from school, to listen to him and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? Well, there is no special name given to him by us. We simply call him 'T.V.' !!!

**Barkha Pandey**  
IX - C



# 26.01.09

I woke up on 26.01.09, for once without being nagged by my mother. As I looked out of the window and saw a blue sky tinged with crimson greet me, I felt an overwhelming sense of anticipation. Needless to say, I was extremely excited about my first Republic Day at Nirmala.

After having an animated discussion with my friends about what programmes lay in store for us, we went to the ground where we organized ourselves according to our houses. In no time, the multicoloured ground was neatly organized into four distinct masses of yellow, blue, red and green.

Next, the pride of every Indian - the tricolour - was hoisted into the air by our Principal, Rev. Sr. Yvette. Watching the flag wave majestically in the air made my face glow with pride and made me stand ten times straighter. This was followed by a solemn rendition of the Indian national anthem, which rekindled the patriotic spirit in everyone's souls. When the drums started beating, it was march past time. "Left, Right Left" reverberated inside my brain, as we marched smartly around the ground in respect of our beloved nation.

After the march past, we enjoyed the programme in the auditorium. The inception of the programme was marked by a heartwarming speech by Gunjan Nagarkoti of class XI. She spoke about Republic Day and current world events.

Next in line was a patriotic song "Hum Gujrati Hum Punjabi" followed by a dance "Ye Desh Hai Veer Jawanon Ka". I was blown away and left endlessly appreciating their talents. I specially loved the vibrant suits they were wearing in the dance.

Proceeding further, we had a speech, this time in Hindi, by my classmate Shifa Shamsi. She spoke about the history of the Republic Day and paid homage to the great leaders.

A skit followed the brilliant speech. It was very thought provoking and a real eye-opener. It showed us how behind the veil of community service politicians were actually miscreants and held clandestine relations with the underworld. I was left awed.

Next in store was an action song by class III. It was nice to see little children showing the "Deshbhakt" inside them as they sang and dance simultaneously to a song from the Indian movie "Bhagat Singh".

After the little Nirmalites showcased their talents it was time for Rev. Sr. Principal to deliver an illuminating speech. She asked us not to forget Republic Day after 12:00 midnight. She gave us golden advice I will remember forever.

After that sports events took place for the kids. We were entertained as they raced. The cherry on top of the sundae was the school song which we sang at the top of our voices. At the end of the day, I was glad I had decided not to watch the Republic Day parade on TV. The programme truly instilled in me the pride of being Indian.

Alankrita M.

IX - A



India's Future Marches Forward



"Ye desh hai veer Jawanon ka" -  
a colourful group dance



Rev. Sr. Yvette-our Principal takes the  
salute of the march-Past



## TIGER

Slowly as the night approaches  
And as the darkness encroaches  
We can see the twinkling stars  
Venus, Saturn and tiny Mars.

In the dark forest fair  
Is a dark brown jumping hare  
And is a spotted creature very near  
From whom everyone greatly fear.

With everyone he can fight  
And you can feel it by his might  
With a swiping tail and a tawny hide  
He is standing on the darker side.

He plunges at its prey and catches it by neck  
And drags it into the darkness just like a sack  
But lo! This animal is getting extinct  
Who has a terrific strength and is valiant.

And those who fear him because of his might  
Don't have to fear and don't have to fight  
And this animal comes nowhere in sight  
Is it the day or the darkness of night?

Urvashi Pande  
VIII - A

## THE GREAT TREES

Trees are great,  
They just stand and wait.  
They don't cry when they are clout.  
They don't eat much  
And they seldom shout.  
Trees are easily pleased.  
Trees are great.  
They accept their fate-  
When its pouring down with rain,  
They don't wear masks,  
It runs off their barks.  
But you never hear them complain.  
So answer me please,  
If there weren't any trees,  
Where would naughty boys climb?  
Where would lovers carve their names?  
Where would be the little bird's nests?  
So, don't cut trees.

Garima Jain  
VIII - A

## Dream Higher and Fetch Higher

Higher, higher, we will climb  
Up to the mount of glory  
That our names may live through time  
In our country's story:  
Happy, when her welfare calls  
One who conquers, he who fails,  
Deeper deeper let us toil  
In the minds of knowledge,  
Nature's wealth and learnings spoil  
Win from school and college.  
Delve we there for richer gems  
Than the stars of diamonds,  
Onward, onward my we press  
Through the path of duty  
Virtue is true happiness  
Excellence is beauty,  
Minds are ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~heaven~~ <sup>heaven</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~earth~~ <sup>earth</sup>.  
We may ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~heaven~~ <sup>heaven</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~earth~~ <sup>earth</sup>.



## FRIENDSHIP

What is friendship?  
Friendship is a feeling,  
Feeling of love,  
Friendship is a smell,  
Smell of a sweet perfume.  
Friendship is a touch,  
touch of satisfaction.  
Friendship is a hand,  
hand of a friend.  
Friendship is a dress,  
dress of lovely colours  
Without friendship  
we are nothing.

Bhavika Jain  
VI - C



## I CAN DO IT

'I can do it' -  
The words are only four  
But have done wonders  
At a high score.  
Alexander The Great, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
Gandhiji and not to forget Barak Obama  
Have got success with these words.  
They reflect your confidence and determination,  
Then you'll be able to get success  
For yourself and your nation.  
So, just try to speak these words once  
And glance at your face in the mirror.  
And you'll see .....  
You've got rid of all the problems  
And are free.

Aditi Bahutiya  
VII - B



## MY TRUE FRIEND

I know you will be  
Together with me  
In my life's every part.

In woes of mine  
And in happy times  
Somewhere in my heart.

You will be always supporting me  
From everywhere  
And I will believe in you  
Without any care.

If you are with me  
I am enough strong  
To face the lovely roses  
And even the harsh thorns.

We can have some talks  
And can even have little fights  
But never ever leave me  
Always remain in my sight.

Thank you for being  
In this world for me  
For such a fool who without a friend can't see.

All the joys of life  
Misery or sorrow  
Sharing love and happiness  
Learning woes to borrow.

Someday we may reach  
Our ever planned star  
So let us promise to treasure this bond forever  
Whether we are near or far.

Kritika Lohumi  
VIII - A



## When We Share

When we share laughter,  
There's twice the fun  
When we share success,  
We've surpassed what we have done.

When we share problems,  
There's half the pain.  
When we share tears,  
A rainbow follows rain.

When we share dreams,  
They become more real.  
When we share secrets,  
It's our hearts we reveal.

If we share a smile,  
That's when our love shows.  
If we share a hug,  
That's when our love glows.

If we share with someone,  
On whom we depend,  
That person is always,  
Family or a friend.

And what draws us closer  
And makes us all care,  
It's not what we have,  
But the things we share.

Mahima Pandey  
IX - C

## WHY NOT A GIRL

People pray for a boy,  
Not for a girl.  
They desire a boy,  
Not a girl.  
Blessings of elders are for male,  
Not for female.  
They love to have a boy,  
Not a girl.  
BUT  
In need of wealth,  
They go to goddess Lakshmi  
And pray in depth.  
In need of courage,  
They go to goddess Durga  
And even pray for more age.  
In need of education,  
They call upon goddess Saraswati  
Any crave for promotion.  
Why do they hesitate  
To have a devi in their family.

Vaishali Pant  
VIII - C





## SMILE

Smile ! Smile ! Smile !  
Never be shy to smile.  
Always grin to your ears  
That is very wise.  
When we see a happy face  
Our mood will surely change.  
A smile will gently rise  
From our heart deep inside.  
If we will smile at others  
They will smile back at us  
Because our smile is very warm  
It would never do any harm.  
So, smile ! smile ! smile !  
And never be shy to smile.

Juhi Kweera  
VII - A



## अध्यापक

कीचड़ में कमल को पुलकित करते,  
कांटों में फूल खिलाते,  
देश की नींव को यह मजबूत करते,  
गंगा से पवित्र यह कहलाते।  
देश इन्हीं पर निर्भर होता,  
शिक्षा का यह करते प्रचार,  
फूलों का उपवन बन जाता  
है स्नेह प्रेरणा के भण्डार।  
सारे देश की जान यह कहलाते  
बच्चों को सही राह दिखलाते  
खर्कित को अच्छा नागरिक बनाते  
इसलिए तो यह अध्यापक कहलाते।।

दीपिका जोशी  
8-वी

## बेटी

बोये जाते हैं बेटे  
और उग आती हैं बेटीयों,  
छाद-पानी बेटी में  
और लहलहाती हैं बेटीयों।  
एवरेस्ट को डूबाइयों तक ठेले जाते हैं बेटे  
और चढ़ जाती हैं बेटीयों,  
रुखाते हैं बेटे  
और रोती हैं बेटीयों।  
कई तरह गिरते हैं बेटे  
संभल लेती हैं बेटीयों।  
सुख के स्वप्न दिखलाते बेटे  
जीवन का पथार्थ बेटीयों।  
जीवन तो बेटी का है  
और मारी जाती हैं बेटीयों।

साहिल निरंकारी  
7-सी



## SLUM AREA

I will not forget that day  
And the smell of that day

The area we stepped  
No one wants to accept.

But the people who lived there  
Were not very rare.

I don't know how they adjust  
And the words they say I can't digest.

They lived there like dogs  
And I think it is the curse of God.

We can help them by forgetting we are greedy  
But it is not that much easy.

Tavneet Kaur  
XII - C



## HOPE FOR TOMORROW

We don't want incidents such as  
Taj, Oberoi and Nariman again,  
We want peace and prosperity again,  
We should not cry for the soldiers  
But commemorate their martyrdom  
Who sacrificed their lives so that  
The nation could live another day.  
Let the pigeon of peace fly in the,  
Blue sky of mother earth.  
Peace is today's necessity,  
Let's come together and join hands  
For a fearless tomorrow.

Navya Jaiswal  
VIII - B

## We Need a Change Today

Corruption, illiteracy and poverty,  
Can you change it into prosperity?  
Discrimination on sex, caste and creed  
Is this what the country needs?  
Devotion to and love for the motherland  
Has flown from the hearts like sand.  
Hunger, thirst and irregular power supply,  
All plans done on paper were never to apply.  
'Mera Bharat Mahan' is what we proudly say  
But Gandhiji never wanted it this way.  
Quality of human resources is still down  
And guess what ? We are heading  
For the population crown.  
"It will be a superpower", we visualize.  
"But it needs our contribution", we never realize.  
Money is what the people need and feel,  
No matter the country weep or bleed.  
Is this what the revolutionaries dreamt,  
When they made a devotional  
And courageous attempt ?  
For the freedom of the country -  
Which seems to be lost  
For which they paid a heavy cost.  
If you have respect for them,  
Then a little pain you take,  
And answer this question for their sake :  
Do you dare to stand up and say,  
"Yes, we need a change today !" ?

Meenal Singh  
VIII - B

## JUNK FOOD : A HAZARD TO HEALTH

'Junk food', the word itself clarifies its meaning. The Oxford dictionary defines the word 'Junk' as useless, discarded or rubbish. So the meaning is very clear 'The Rubbish Food'. According to a study, not only does food make children slow, but also leads to high incidence of obesity and diabetes. A school based survey among early teens in Delhi and Mumbai found 62% of children prefer eating junk food like burgers, pizza, etc., to green vegetables, 81% of children go out to a fast food point at least once a week, 47% children take at least one cold drink daily, 35% children spend more time watching T.V. and playing on computer instead of playing outdoor games, 11% teens eat lunch at school canteens.

Working parents consider T.V. as baby sitters and bribe their children with toys, colas and chips. As a result, children develop a habit of continuous fast food eating and are more prone to become drug addicts in their life. Concluding the point, I would like to say to all the readers, 'Is our India safe when its future is in such dangerous hands?'

Mahima Jain  
VIII - A

## TERRORISM

We are living among horrors. This world is becoming a dangerous place to live in. The attacks of Al-Qaida terrorists on the World Trade Centre have shaken the world. This is certainly not the first and last act of terrorism. India has been the victim of terrorism from the last two decades. The government has launched an all out war against terrorism. But the attacks on Red Fort, Parliament, Taj Hotel, Oberoi Hotel and on Nariman point remind us the strength and power of terrorism.

Gandhiji showed the world the path of non-violence. Brutal force and violence cannot do anything. We have the UNO and its agencies. We should work for world peace. All the countries should wage an all out war against terrorism. If the monster of terrorism is not checked it will engulf the whole world.

Sumit Mishra

VIII - B