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FORT NEWS

A quick change in the weather with the west wind bringing in a waft of summer into the air can be easily felt. Summer uniforms have replaced the woollens. Green pigeons and Wild geese have taken wing and are migrating to distant lands till winter beckons them again. *Madhu Kamini* flowers are in full bloom, attracting bumblebees and honeybees.

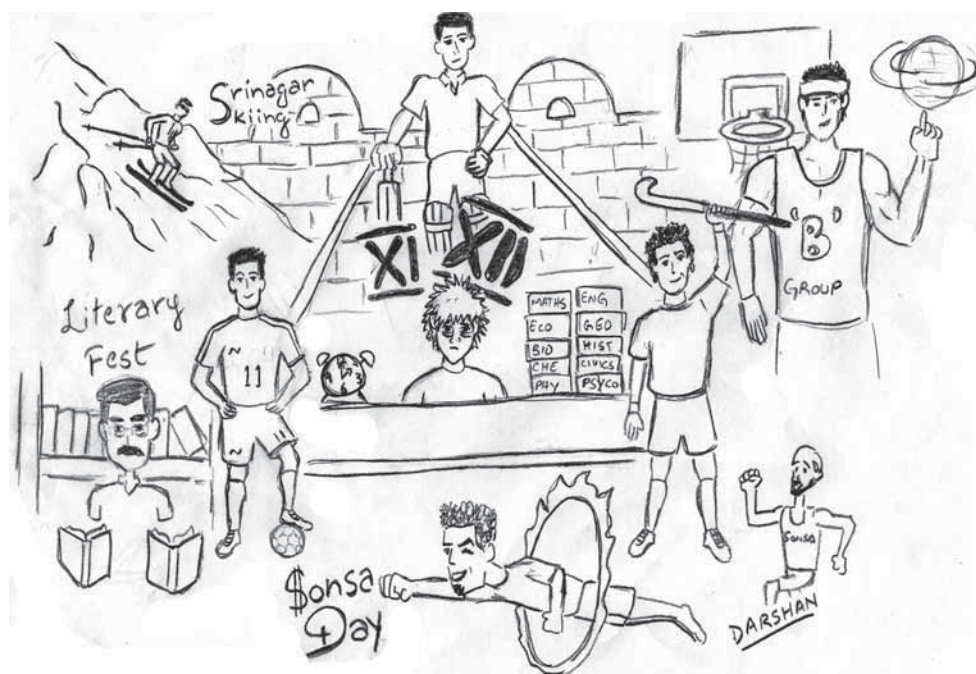
Board exams are close by and the Class XII students are keeping their noses to the grindstone, preparing themselves for a crucial test in their lives which will ultimately shape their future course of action. We wish them good luck and may they do extremely well.

The Madhavrao Scindia one day Senior Inter Divisional Cricket Tournament was held in school from the 10th to 12th of February 2017. Three matches were played on the Madhav field - between Reva district and Indore, B.H.E.L. and Indore and Reva district and B.H.E.L. Fine cricketing skills were displayed by IPL player, Ishwar Pandey and many other national players. The recently renovated Madhav field, which is now BCCI approved was a perfect pitch to play on.

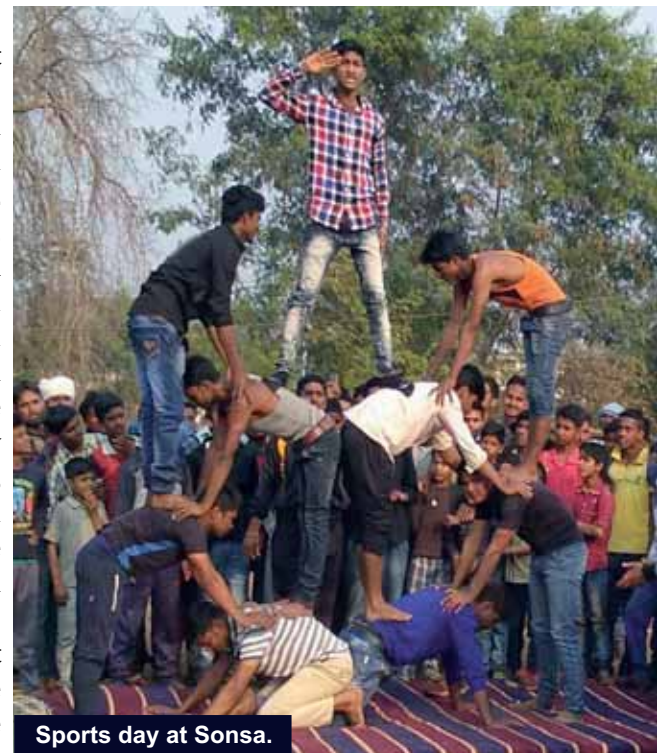
The result of the Squash Open Tournament held in the school premises from 10th -14th of February 2017 is as follows:

I Pavan Jaini II Harshit Santhalia III Mani Maloo
Most Promising Player of the tournament - Jai Chahar

To revive our deep-connect with the Sonsa villagers, every year the 2nd Sunday of February is celebrated as the 'Sonsa Day.' This year also with a lot of enthusiasm and zeal, the members of the Social Service League of the school along with the other faculty members and boys from the junior school, went to Sonsa village on Sunday, the 12th of February, 2017. The day was celebrated as the 'Sports Day' in which the village boys and girls competed in various sports like kabbadi, gymnastics, tug of war and many more. Students of 3 schools, namely- Jarga Junior High School (near Sonsa village), Junior High School (Badhaunli) and High School (Sonsa) participated in it. The Chief Guest for



the event was Mr Vikas Joshi, the District Education Officer who was warmly welcomed by the head of the Social Service League, Dr B. S. Bhakuni. Mr Khem Singh, a resident of the Sonsa village, who has been an important link between the faculty members and the villagers, received the Chief Guest, our faculty and the boys. Thereafter, the students of the Social Service League were escorted by the children and teachers of Sonsa to see various exhibits put up in the premises of the Sonsa High School. There were traditional *rangolis*, clay toys, science models, agricultural machinery models, art and craft items and many more. All the exhibits spoke of the hard work and dedication of the children of the village. It was difficult to choose one as best in comparison to the other, as they all were quite good. Students enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and played some games as well. It was a delight to watch the skills of the villagers as they played with our students during the different competitions. The gymnasts of the village left our students spell bound. The Sports Day concluded with the prize distribution ceremony. The villagers expressed their appreciation and thankfulness towards the school. The event brought smiles to many faces. It was a rich experience for our students as well.



Sports day at Sonsa.

A Workshop on Ceramic Pottery was conducted in the Art Department on the 17th and 18th of February 2017 by Ms Dipti Gupta, who is an accomplished artist in making Ceramic Pottery. Sixty students from classes VI-X participated in the workshop. They learned about ceramic pottery, modelling of artefacts, tile work and the process of preparing clay and glaze work.

The Inter-house B group Basketball tournament was held from 8th-14th of 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.

Under the aegis of the IBSC (International Boys' School Coalition), a seminar on the topic 'The Self Motivated Boy: Developing 21st century Leadership', was held at the Taj Vivanta Hotel in New Delhi on the 18th of February 2017. Around 40 delegates from 12 Boys' Schools in India attended the programme. Mr Raj



Kumar Kapoor (Dean of ICT) and Mr Somarajan K.S. (Faculty of Humanities) represented the school. They gained an insight on the latest research findings of neuropsychology. Dr Shimi Kang, an eminent Harvard-trained doctor explained to the participants, the functional difference between the left brain and right brain and laid emphasis on appreciating the unique qualities of a child. Through her latest research findings, she has interpreted that boys' (male) brain is in line with the latest research finding of neuropsychological 'mantra.' The IBSC team encouraged collective and collaborative research proposals on related topics.

Mr Ramesh Sharma, Mr Naman Saraswat and Mr Jitendra Jawale took the initiative of making our campus plastic free. They urged students and teachers



Disposing of plastic waste.

to join hands in disposing of plastic waste around the campus on Sunday, the 19th of February 2017. They received an overwhelmingly positive response and are hopeful about making the campus plastic free in due course of time.

The Kishangarh Shield 2016-17, the Triangular Series between Mayo College, Daly College and The Scindia School was held from the 23rd-25th of February, 2017. Mr Prashant Mehta, former BCCI member was the Chief Guest for the



In action.

Closing Ceremony. Mr Pramod Chaturvedi, Headmaster Junior School, Mayo College also graced the occasion by his presence. The results are as follows:

- Best Goal Keeper - Vedarth Vyas Pradhan (Mayo College)
- Best Defender - Anoop Adivasi (The Scindia School)
- Best Mid Fielder - Pratham Kohli (Daly College)
- Best Player - Gourabh Singh (Mayo College)
- Winner of the Tournament - Mayo College, Ajmer

Football

- Best Goal Keeper - Anoop Adivasi (The Scindia School)
- Best Defender - Manpreet Singh (Daly College)
- Best Mid Fielder - Tushar Saini (The Scindia School)
- Best Player - Aniruddha Sharma (Mayo College)
- Winner of the Tournament - Mayo College

Cricket

- Best batsman - Arya Bhatia (Daly College)
- Best bowler - Angad Singh (Mayo College)

- Man of the Tournament - Ravi Adiwasi (The Scindia School)
- Winner of the Tournament - Daly College

The Scindia School has been recognised as a 'GLOBAL LEAGUE INSTITUTION 2017 - 18' based on the Student Satisfaction Survey conducted by 'Great Place to Study Research Institute'. The Award Ceremony was held on the 23rd of February 2017 in the Churchill Room inside the House of Commons - UK. This was organized by the Skill Tree Knowledge Consortium and Baroness Sandip Verma was the Guest of Honour for the same. The Scindia School was represented by an eminent Old Boy, Dr Vikram Mathur (Ex - Ja, 1974) who gracefully received the award on behalf of the school and also addressed the gathering. We are thankful to all the stakeholders who have contributed in thought and action that has resulted in this recognition.



Dr Vikram Mathur receiving the award.



Certificate of Excellence.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be informed that Founder's Day programme for 2017 has been once again rescheduled due to certain requirements of the C.B.S.E. which must be adhered to. The new dates for 2017 are: 14th October - Parent's Day; 15th October - Founder's Day; 16th October - Old Boys' Day. We regret the inconvenience caused.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Mr Sachin Deva (Ex - Jyotiba, 2000) cycled from Bengaluru to Kanyakumari covering a distance of 700 KM in just three days from 10th - 12th February. Many congratulations!

OBITUARY

Mr Vinod Malhotra (Ex - Mj, 1965) passed away on 18/02/2017 in Pune. We pray for the eternal salvation of the departed soul. We pass on our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends and pray that they are able bear this irreparable loss.

In My Mind's Eye

Anant Garg | VII A

The following poem is a composition by a budding poet of the Junior school, Anant Garg. Anant is a student of class VII A. He is in Nimaji House. Endowed with the quality of sensitivity towards music and art, he has committed his thoughts to paper for the first time. In the poem, he explores the similarities between the Moon that gives us peace and tranquility and his grandmother. He finds both of them peaceful, dignified, stately and calm.

She is silvery white.
The sparkling whiteness,
Reminds me of my grandma's hair
Like little flakes of snow,
On the deep, brown earth.
She is tranquil,
Like the clear waters,
Still in the deep pond,
Where humans do not stir.
The sheen reminds me,
Of the deep green leaves,
Laved by the fresh waters of the spring.
Her elegance tells me of,
The majestic kings and queens,
In a faraway land.
Lovely it is to bathe in the whiteness of one,
And the fondness of the other,
The Moon and my Grandmother,
I put them both together,
In the landscape of my mind,
Serene, tranquil and calm,
That I nowhere else can ever find.

हृद से ज्यादा

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हृद से ज्यादा इतना किसी को मत चाहो
कि चाहत बन जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा इतना परिश्रम मत करो
कि राहत बन जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा किसी पर भरोसा मत करो
कि बगावत कर जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा अग्नि के पास मत जाओ
कि हाथ जल जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा दुखी को मत सहलाओ
कि घाव बन जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा खुशी में मत डूब जाओ
कि आँसू बन जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा अतीत में मत जाओ
कि भविष्य बिगड़ जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा दूर मत जाओ
कि वापस आना मजबूरी बन जाए ।
हृद से ज्यादा मौत के करीब मत जाओ
कि ज़िंदगी से नाता टूट जाए ।

The Power to Change Lies in Changing the Thought

Dhruv Periwal | X A

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

- Steve Jobs

Henry Ford, the founder of the Ford Motor Company, once said, "Thinking is the hardest work...which is why so few engage in it". Thinking definitely involves deep introspection or 'looking within'. We must admit the fact that thinking is not an easy task for everybody - the hardest work in fact - which is why very few like to wallow in it. We come across people who indulge in making quick and therefore, ineffective decisions without giving much time to think and evaluate their action. Nevertheless, the outcome of a decision which is taken in haste depends on sheer luck. For me, thinking is an art in itself. Once we master the art of thinking, our planning becomes aligned to the thought and consequently, our decisions and their outcomes become more meaningful. Thinking and observation complement each other. They are two sides of the same coin. In order to be a sound thinker, one must be a keen observer as well. Our reflections reflect what we observe. Our daily actions are the visible manifestations of what goes on in our mind. The raw material for this action is in the thought lurking in the mind, which in turn has its roots in what we observe. To quote the 17th century French philosopher, Rene Descartes, "I think, therefore I am." In other words, we are 'thinking beings'.

At this stage of thinking and writing, I can safely affirm that positive thinking is always helpful and is a way to calm the agitated mind. In the heat and toil of the day, positive thinking becomes the harbour to rest the restless mind. One must always allow the positive thoughts to overrule the negative thoughts. Anything, the deep contemplation of which, leads to immense joy may be the root of a positive thought.

The theme of this year's World Thinking Day is *grow*. This day is celebrated on the 22nd February of every year. Linking the two essential things, thought and growth, I think that the best way for us to 'grow' every day is to introspect and think about our activities at the end of each day - whether the day was fruitful or not, whether we accomplished that, what we had planned to achieve in the day. Our introspection at the Astachal, the time when we immerse into ourselves every evening, is a perfect event for such regular introspection and retrospection that a human must indulge in and achieve, if he has to learn and introspect and as a result-grow. It should be noted that all good thinkers who have left their "footprints on the sands of time" have spent a lot of time in reviewing their own thought and action. The act of thinking is like going under a vast stretch of water, like an ocean without limitations. A great writer once said that mankind can progress only through aberration. The risk of acceptance by the community looms large in the eyes of the individual, so most of the people in the world are afraid to think differently. Very few people think of going 'off the beaten track' and mark that it has always been such people who have contributed hugely to the society. All thinkers are people who perhaps, don't do different things but do the same things differently. They are respected for their individual opinion and firm stand. The world is all-gratitude to such thinkers who can work wonders with their creativity and imagination. Another thing to consider while talking about introspection, correction and re-correction is the capacity to dream. Our thinking takes a shape and form in the dream. Dreams are not something to be afraid of. They are to be lived. Thinking helps us to understand whether we are moving in the direction of fulfilling our dreams or not. Lastly, I must say that thinking must not be narrow but broad and all-encompassing. The broader the thought, the more it will be aligned to the action and as I said above, the more fruitful. So let us come together and participate in living positive thoughts and introspect daily to 'connect' with one's inner self, with one another and with the world at large.

My First Flight

Suyash Bansal | VII A

As a young lad of three, my first experience in an aeroplane, shot an adrenaline rush, the like of which I had never experienced before. It was my first trip to a foreign country. I was going to the United States of America. My thrill and excitement had grown by leaps and bounds. My aunt and cousins living in the States were waiting to receive me at the airport. I still remember that the aircraft was an Etihad Dreamliner 500. They gave us headphones to watch the television and had a store of movies like Robocop, TV

shows like f.r.i.e.n.d.s., and cartoons like Tom and Jerry. They even had English songs ranging from the 1950s to the latest ones. I watched cartoons as I was very young and I remember watching the movie, 'Alvin and the Chipmunks'. I dozed off while watching it. When I opened my eyes, I saw my father looking at me and he asked me to eat the dinner that was served. To be honest, the food wasn't up to my expectations. Perhaps our Indian cuisine is the best. I looked out of the window and saw the stars shining brightly; the clouds under me and the moon glowing to its brightest. My mother told me to sleep, for I had a long day ahead. I slept peacefully.

After I woke up, I relished the breakfast, put on my headphones and listened to my favourite music. Time and again, I peeked out of the window to catch a glimpse of the picturesque scene. Soon an announcement was made by the stewardess, "Ladies and gentlemen, please fasten your seatbelts and put your seats in an upright position, we are getting ready for landing". The landing was quite smooth but the vibrations travelled in my body and I can still recall the experience. This is one flight which I would never forget. The memories of this flight are etched in my mind and heart forever.

बेबसी

राजेश जनार्दन कमाने |
पूर्व छात्र, 1986

बेबस हैं माँ-बाप
मजे में है बच्चे,
न कोई रोकने वाला,
न कोई टोकने वाला।

बीमार पड़ने पर, जिस माँ ने
काटी रातें, जाग-जाग कर,
दवा और दवाखाने की
दौड़ - भाग में
चपलें घिस गई जिस बाप की,
उन्हें न कोई पूछने वाला,
न कोई देखने वाला।

आज वही माँ, बीमार, बेबस....
पड़ी है एक खाट पर,
न कोई पूछने वाला,
न कोई देखने वाला।

बच्चे भी हैं, अपनी दुनिया में मस्त,
न माँ की चिंता, न पिता की फिक्र,
परिवार के रूप में....
सिर्फ बीबी और बच्चों का जिक्र ।

माँ-बाप तो अब बोझ लगने लगे हैं
और वृद्धाश्रम भी अपने लगने लगे हैं ।

बच्चे लगा रहे हैं गोता
शाम की रंगीनियों में
और माँ-बाप बेबसी के आँसू
बहा रहे हैं ।

हमारी समझ

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कहते हैं कि हम वही करते हैं जो हमें बचपन से ही सिखाया जाता है । हमें बचपन से ही कई प्रकार की अच्छी बातें सिखाई जाती हैं, उन्हीं में से एक अच्छाई है - स्वच्छता, जो हर इंसान के लिए अत्यंत ही आवश्यक है । यह कई प्रकार की बिमारियों का कारण बनती है, जैसे डेंगू, मलेरिया आदि । हम इस अच्छाई या सीख को कितनी अच्छी तरह सुनते हैं या समझते हैं इसका अंदाजा हमें अपने शहर की सड़क, गली, मोहल्ले आदि सार्वजनिक जगहों की दुर्दशा को देखकर लगाया जा सकता है। स्वच्छता की सोच की आजकल आमजन में इतनी कमी हो गई है कि हमारे प्रधानमंत्री को झाड़ू लगाकर स्वच्छता अभियान चलाना पड़ रहा है । आज देश में स्वच्छता अभियान एक फैशन बन गया है ।

हम बहुत ही मतलबी हैं क्योंकि हम अपने घर की सफाई तो बहुत ही अच्छी तरह कर लेते हैं लेकिन अपने मोहल्ले की सफाई की ओर ध्यान नहीं देते हैं । इस का अच्छा-खासा उदाहरण दीवाली के अवसर पर हर साल देखने को मिलता है, जब हम अपने घर की खूबसूरती बढ़ाने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ते, लेकिन अपने मोहल्ले को चमकाने के बजाए हम पटाखे फोड़-फोड़ कर मोहल्ले को गंदा कर देते हैं । हम सब यही कहते हैं कि लक्ष्मी हमेशा स्वच्छ घर में ही पधारती है । क्या यह धरती हमारा घर नहीं है ? क्या लक्ष्मी हमारे घर, मोहल्ले के रास्ते नहीं आएगी ? क्या तब उन्हें हमारे द्वारा फैलाई गई गंदगी नहीं दिखेगी ?

हम जानते सब है, पर मानते नहीं है ।

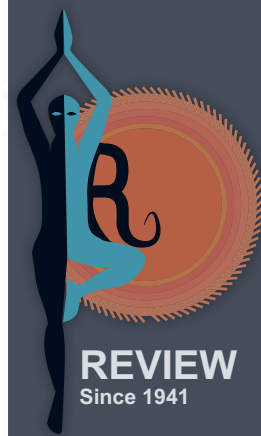
हमें तब क्यों स्वच्छता की याद आती है जब हमारे घर के किसी व्यक्ति या हमें ही डेंगू, मलेरिया जैसी खतरनाक बीमारियों से जूझना पड़ता है ? क्यों हम पहले से ही स्वच्छता के प्रति जिम्मेदार नहीं हैं ? क्यों हम कूलर, टंकी तथा कबाड़ के सामान की निरंतर देख-रेख कर मक्खी तथा मच्छर का निवारण नहीं करते हैं ? क्यों बार-बार विद्या बालन जी को टी.वी. पर हमें यह बात सिखानी पड़ती है ? हम जब भी बाहर किसी के घर या फिर दूसरे देश में जाते हैं तब हमें ऐसा क्या महसूस होता है कि हम वहाँ गंदगी करने से इतना कतराते हैं ? वहीं अगर हम अपने घर में या अपने शहर में होते हैं तो यँ ही कहीं भी थूक देते हैं, पानी की खाली बोतल तथा प्लास्टिक की थैली कहीं भी फेंक देते हैं, भले ही थोड़ी दूरी पर कूड़ादान क्यों न हो ? इसका जीता जागता उदाहरण किले में स्थित सूरज कुण्ड (गालव ऋषि की तपोभूमि) में देखा जा सकता है जो ग्वालियर शहर का सबसे पवित्र स्थान है । आज भी यहाँ कई भक्त लोग कुण्ड में स्नान करते हैं तथा उसके जल को अमृत के समान मानते हैं लेकिन दूसरे सैलानी इस पवित्र स्थान पर भी गंदगी फैलाने से बाज नहीं आते ।

हमारी सरकार स्वच्छता के लिए कई प्रकार के अभियान चला रही है । शौचालय बनाने के लिए भी अनुदान प्रदान कर रही है, फिर भी लोग अपने घर में शौचालय न बनवाकर खेतों में जाकर गंदगी फैलाना पसंद करते हैं । एक दिन में अपने शहर के कुछ गाँवों में गया और मैंने देखा कि लोगों ने अनुदान तो लिए हैं लेकिन शौचालय के नाम पर बनाई हुई चार दिवारी में बकरियाँ बाँध रखी हैं । इसी प्रकार दूसरे गाँवों में भी लोगों ने इन शौचालय में अपनी अनाज की बोरियाँ ठूस रखी हैं ।

यदि हमारी सरकार इन छोटे-छोटे कार्यों में समय और धन व्यर्थ करती रहेगी तो हमारे प्रधानमंत्री का देश को महाशक्ति बनाने का सपना कैसे साकार होगा ? क्या हमारा यह फ़र्ज नहीं बनता है कि इन छोटी-छोटी लेकिन महत्वपूर्ण जिम्मेदारियों को अपने हाथ में लें तथा देश को महाशक्ति बनाने में सहायक बनें ।

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