

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

REVIEW-18



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NEWS

The weather on the Fort played 'hide and seek' during the last fortnight as the days ranged from sunny to partly sunny and sometimes wintry. For a few days, the rising temperatures gave us the feel of winter bidding an early adieu; but the next few days proved that it was not over yet. On the 11th February, a drizzle of rain refreshed the trees, but the gale seemed to be restless as if on tenterhooks.

Dr Smita Trivedi conducted a workshop on 20th and 21st January in Woodstock School, Gwalior, as the Resource Person for CBSE, Centre of Training and Excellence, Pune. The name of the programme was 'Capacity Building Programme in English Communicative, Class X'.

On 22nd January 2018, Basant Panchami was celebrated in the School. The activity of kite flying in the afternoon brought a smile to all faces as the kite-fliers maneuvered the kites into the air. In the evening, a wonderful musical feast was served to the audience. Mani Maloo anchored the programme, which



Young maestros.

commenced with *Saraswati Vandana- Hanswahini gyandayini*. Aadya Mishra sang the Classical song- *Ab toh sun le ban ke papiha* in the *raag Bhim Palasi*. Gaurav Agarwal played *raag kalawati* on the flute and was accompanied by Siddharth Chandel on the tabla. Harshil Ashok played the *brindabani sarang* on the sitar. Then, we had a *jugalbandi* with Siddharth Chandel and Harshvardhan Chandel on the tabla alongwith Harshil on the sitar and Arya Adhikari on the harmonium. While Akmal Karim sang in *raag rageshwari*, Yuvraj Maheshwari concluded the celebration with singing of *raag bhairavi* accompanied by Mehul Singh Patel, Chirag Thirani on tabla and Mani Maloo on the harmonium. The Principal applauded the students and teachers of the Music Department for presenting such a consummate virtuosity in musical compositions which kept the audience completely engrossed in the ebb and flow of music.

16 students of the School participated in Basketball, Football and Chess events in the Youth Fest held at L.N.I.P.E. Gwalior from 19th January to 21st January 2018.

The School's Shooting Team participated in the 14th All India IPSC Shooting Championship 2017-18, held at The Daly College, Indore. The following boys bagged medals in various categories as mentioned below:

U-14 Air Pistol Event :

Shashank Kumar won a Silver Medal in individual as well as team event
Krishna Sharma won a Silver Medal in Team event
Toshan Agarwal won a Silver Medal in Team event

U-17 Air Rifle Event :

Rachit Agarwal won a Gold Medal in individual and team event
Chaitanya Agarwal won a Gold Medal in team event
Daksh Gupta won a Gold Medal in team event

Angad Sahni won a Bronze Medal and Rachit Agarwal, Shashank Kumar and Memoy Mishra were selected for SGFI Nationals in the 16th M.P. State Inter School Shooting Championship 2017-18 held at The Emerald Heights International School, Indore.

Ms Nandita Saxena escorted 5 students of Classes VII and VIII to the Round Square Global Conference, held at Welhams Boys' School, Dehradun from 25th to 29th January, 2018. The theme of this year's conference was 'Escape the Ordinary'. Emphasis was laid on experiential learning and the students were given a number of opportunities to experience, enjoy and embrace learning. Delegations from 37 schools from across the globe participated in the Conference.

The 69th Republic Day of our great nation was celebrated at the Fort with a lot of enthusiasm. On arrival, the Chief Guest, Mr Gagan Khosla (Ex-Je, 74), an eminent Old Boy, unfurled the tricolour and inspected the parade; after



The salute to the Nation.

which, the smartly turned out marching contingent, marched to the tunes of *Kadam kadam badaye ja*. The contingent was led by the Old Boys of the batch of 1968. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat congratulated the young Scindians for the flawless marching and mentioned that moments like this, fill his heart with pride. The Chief Guest, Mr Gagan Khosla expressed



his gratitude and mentioned that the institution has laid a strong foundation for him. He strongly recommended the student fraternity of the School to make the most of the experiences provided to them at School, as they are the future leaders of growing India. After the Chief Guest's address everybody moved to *Astachal* where floral tributes were paid to the Father of the Nation. The song *Jab tak antim boond rakt ki*, was mellifluously sung by the boys. The Principal presented Mr Khosla with a silver salver as a memento for the cycling expeditions undertaken by him. In his expedition from Leh to Kanyakumari, he had covered a distance of almost 4000 kilometres. While addressing the gathering at *Astachal* the Chief Guest expressed his admiration for how the School has preserved its heritage over the years. It was then, time for the batch of 1968 to hand over the baton of the Golden Jubilee Reunion to the representatives of the batch of 1969. The silence observed thereafter, was an opportunity to speak with oneself and contemplate the true meaning



Shramjivi Sports.

of 'Freedom' and 'Independence'. The Social Service League of the Scindia School organised Shramjivi sports for the Support staff in the Oval field. It was a wonderful sight to watch the students and the family members cheer the participants.

200 students from all over the country participated in 'Innoventure – Intelligence Plus' at Pune on 26th and 27th January 2018. From our school two students participated in it. They were- Arpit Mittal and Krish Gupta. Arpit Mittal qualified the first round of the finale.

The staff and students paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on Martyr's Day. A special prayer meeting was organized at *Astachal*. Floral tributes were paid to the Mahatma. An excerpt from one of his writings was read, which focused on the qualities that a student must possess. A short talk was delivered thereafter, about tolerance, which was a subject very close to *Bapu's* heart, as he felt that the only way of leading a harmonious life was by being tolerant. The soulful singing of *Vaishnav jan to* and *Raghupati raghav raja ram* created a befitting atmosphere for the solemn occasion. This occasion was also a reminder of the sacrifices made by various unsung heroes in attaining freedom.

Mr Vivek Singh (Ex-Md, 79), an eminent Old Boy, visited the School. He interacted with the staff and the students of Class XI. This was followed by an open house session in which the students asked many pertinent questions and Mr Singh guided them on the same.

A Life Skills' workshop was conducted in the Assembly Hall for the students of the Junior School by Ms Niharika Kulshrestha on 3rd February 2018. The children were shown a presentation on 'Empathy'. They were told about the difference between sympathy and empathy and were informed on how to be more empathetic to the people. The key message was to imagine themselves in the 'shoes' of others. This was followed by screening of the movie- 'Front of the Class'. "Front of the Class" is based on the true story of Brad Cohen - played in the movie by Jimmy Wolk - who, after being challenged by Tourette's syndrome from a very young age, defies all odds to become a gifted teacher. In the concluding exercise, the kids were asked to close their eyes for two minutes and imagine themselves to be in the 'shoes' of a stray dog, a poor child, their

parents, teachers, etc. and explore and describe the feeling. Responses were elicited on a worksheet about who needs help and how we can help them. A scene of a child being bullied was enacted before them and they were asked to think on it and give their opinion.

Mr Christopher Dorrell from Uppingam College, U.K. is on a visit to the School as a Gap Student. He will be with us till the end of March.

Ms Supreet Bakshi, the Round Square Coordinator of the School, attended the 'Round Square Annual Regional Meeting of South Asia and Gulf Region' in Bangladesh from the 1st to 3rd February 2018.

The result of the Inter House 'A' Group Table Tennis Competition is as follows:
House Positions:

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

Individual Positions:

Most promising player- Ansh Gupta (Rn, X)

Player of the tournament- Darpan Agarwal (Jp, X)

On the 7th February 2018, Mr Rajendra Pawar, (Ex - Vivekanand, 67) Vice Chairman, Member of the Board of Governors, The Scindia School, visited the Fort. A Special *Astachal* was held on the occasion. A Floral tribute was paid to the Father of the Nation. This was followed by the *bhajan*, *Sumiran kar le mere mana*. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, formally welcomed the guest and said that Mr Pawar has not only imbibed the values of the School but has also used them in the most cogent manner for the progress of the Scindian community. Mehul Singh Patel recited the *shloka* - *Akhand Madalakaram vyaptam yen nacharacharam*. This was followed by Prateek Parihar's recital of the poem *Hey Bapu phir tum aa jate* and Jai Chahar's reading of an extract



Mr Rajendra Pawar.

from Robin Sharma's book 'Family Wisdom'. Mr Pawar in his address to the students, talked about the raise in expectations from the School community and the way the memories of the *Astachal* have impacted the lives of the Old Boys. To quote Mr Pawar- "*Astachal* is an appointment with yourself."

Mr Varun Kapoor, Additional Director General of Police, Narcotics, conducted a workshop on Cyber Security for the staff and the students on 8th February 2018 in the Assembly Hall. He cleared many misconceptions and bridged many gaps in our knowledge about Cyber Crime. He explained that "Cyber crime is a crime between you and your device." *Sandesh* is a School Cyber Crime



Mr Varun Kapoor.

Awareness Programme that is administered in schools by the initiative-Black Ribbon, Cyber Crime Awareness Strategy. He talked at length about various aspects of getting into the Cyber World, which has its own threats. The concepts were explained along with a good inventory of factual information. Krishnam Purwar and Shashikiran Gonegunta were awarded appreciation certificates and a badge for their brilliant answers. Some other students were also awarded certificates of recognition. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat, presented a memento to the guest, as a token of appreciation.

Schiller Gesellschaft conducted a Word Picture (Wortbilder) Competition for classes 6th to 10th in February. The results are as follows:

Class 6th :

I Sozim Lepcha II Yuvraj Jain III Kushal Agarwal

Class 7th :

I Vidit Gupta II Nimit Jain, Aditya Pratap Singh

III Pratham Kapoor

Class 8th :

I Lakshit Harlalka II Harsh Bansal III Subh Garg, Prateek Garg

Class 9th :

I Aditya Rohira, Hardik Sankhla II Kartikey Kulshrestha

III Kenchey Lepcha

Class 10th :

I Anmol Mohanka II Tanmay Mahajan III Samarjith Nalvade

A Report on the Ranoji House Evening

Ranoji House celebrated their House Evening on 25th January 2018. A wonderful cultural programme was held in the Assembly Hall to mark the celebration. Faizan Karim welcomed the audience and the famous number 'Heal the world' originally sung by Micheal Jackson, was sung by the choir. Priyanshu Singh and Krishnam Purwar enthralled the audience with a popular medley of old bollywood songs. On a more philosophical note, the Hindi play based on Harishankar Parsai's *Torch bechne wala* was performed. It sent forth a lesson that one who dupes is himself duped in the end. This was followed by an English Play which was a subtle yet scathing remark on gender discrimination in our country. Akmal and Divij sang a *nazm* while Divij went solo with the 'Lazy Song'. Krishnam Purwar and Aryan Girdhar set the stage to fire as they danced on popular dance numbers. The programme ended with a Mime performance which showed vignettes of Indian culture and ethos. It was thoroughly applauded by the audience.



Mime performance.



A still from the English Play.

A Report on the Golden Jubilee Reunion of the Batch of 1968

Old Boys from the Batch of 1968 visited the School on 25th and 26th January 2018 to celebrate their Golden Jubilee Reunion. After their arrival in the School, they were warmly received by the Principal, Vice Principals and all the Deans in front of the Assembly Hall. The programme was held in the Assembly Hall on the 25th, wherein Pavan Jaini welcomed the gathering. The atmosphere breathed with feeling and the sense of belongingness to the School as the Old Boys went onto the stage and sang the School song. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat formally welcomed the guests and expressed that the achievements and the contribution of the Old Boys to the society makes his heart swell with pride. The instauration of the cherished values, which has been accomplished by them, defines the greatness of the institution. This address was followed by the welcome song *abhinandan sabka karte hum* sung by the School choir. Thereafter, the singing of *raag kalawati* left the audience spell bound. Mr Prashant Prabhu (Ex-Md, 68) addressed the gathering and said that he was accompanied by a swirl of emotion and pride. Out of 95 Old Boys, 31 of the batch were there, which was a testimony to the fact that they can take a long journey to be on the Fort. The movie that elapsed between their teenage time when they left the School; to the time when they come here again as grandfathers; is also a chance to see the journey that they have undertaken. The Old Boys talked about the values of 'productivity in silence' that they imbibed from their experience at the *Astachal* and the ethos that they absorbed from the School is unparalleled. They took part in the Republic Day March Past on the 26th January and also went around the School to see the enticing old architecture with the tinge of modernism to suit the contemporaneous times. The batch of 1968 handed over the baton of the Golden Jubilee Reunion to the representatives of the batch of 1969 in the *Astachal* on the 26th January. They also went around the Fort and other places in Gwalior for sight-seeing.



The Old Boys singing the School song.



The Old Boys' contingent.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

SOBA Nagpur met at Gondwana Club on 4th February 2018. The Guest of Honour of the evening was Mr Ashwin Mudgal, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Nagpur.



The Old Boys along with their wives.

Our congratulations to Dr Ravindra Gandhi (Ex- Je, 80) for being awarded by MIDC Industries' Association, Nagpur, for his entrepreneurial excellence.

OBITUARY

Mr Pushpraj Singh (Ex- Md, 69) left us for his heavenly abode on the 29th January 2018. May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace. Condolences may be sent to his son at 9425338985.

युवा पीढ़ी

प्रथम गुप्ता | कक्षा 9 सी

आज की युवा पीढ़ी की,
ईश्वर से है माँग,
धन दो, सुख दो और
दो जीवन का आराम ।

परन्तु ऐसे कुछ लोग हैं जो,
इस बात से हैं अनजान ।
कि धन-दौलत और सुख से
बड़ा होता है सम्मान ।

भूतकाल में लोगों का,
नहीं था धन पर ध्यान ।
मेहनत सारी वह करते थे
कमाने को सम्मान ।

पर आज के युवा तो
नहीं जानते है सम्मान
उनको अपने जीवन में

चाहिए धन-दौलत, आराम ।
मेरा धन, मेरी दौलत
यही कहता आज का इंसान
इस तुच्छ से धन के लिए,
बेच दिया उसने अपना ईमान ।
भ्रष्टाचार की नदियाँ बह रहीं
दुनिया में चारों ओर,
कोई न इससे बच सका
गरीब हो या धनवान ।

बचना होगा हम सबको
बचाना होगा मनुष्य जाति का मान
सब मिलकर हम अच्छा सोचें
पैदा करें सच्चाई का तूफान ।

बस कुछ वर्षों की बात है,
आएगा ऐसा तूफान
लोगों में बचेगा,
ईमान और सम्मान ।

Examination Hall is like a Cricket Match

Tanmay Kochar | VIII B

It is so queer to me that an examination hall is like a pitch on which two teams clash for a Cricket match. So you don't agree with me, but I am equipped with the finest of my analytical skills to prove it right! So let us begin! In the match, there is a bowler and a batsman. Now, how does that apply to the exam hall? Let's look at it this way; the bowler is one who sets the exam paper, the most dreaded thing in the world! The questions given in the paper are like balls darted towards you. So you set your bat, guess the ball- its swing, line etc. and play the best shot. You and I, the students, are the batsmen. If the questions are



easy enough to answer, they are like easy balls which let you create the best shot. On the contrary, if your paper setter is a tough examiner who harangues you with deceptive balls in form of tough questions; you are faced with a fast paced bowler. Sometimes, you may do a partnership with a friend on this pitch. If you are caught, your partnership ends. Partnership with a new classmate is a new inning with a new friend on the opposite side. Easy questions culminate into boundaries. Questions that are out of the course book are no balls. Over this exciting Cricket Match, the invigilator is the umpire. After the match in the examination hall is over, a few days later your result arrives. A good score is like an individual trophy but if you fail, you have lost the match. On a more serious note, parents and teachers are our coaches who push us to play a great game- to handle every ball perfectly, irrespective of the camouflage, the deceptiveness that comes with it. So, never lose hope for the faith in your coach and your hard work coupled with untiring zeal and earnestness; some day you will play a great game. Keep going!

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