

THE SCINDIA SCHOOL, FORT GWALIOR

REVIEW-18



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FORT NEWS

The weather on the Fort has been lovely this August with the grey, swollen clouds curling up the horizon now and then. The rain has sometimes lashed against this magnificent citadel, which overlooks the city, and sometimes it had whispered softly into its galleries, sending tiny ripples into the *taals*.

Ms Niharika Kulshrestha conducted a workshop on 'Bullying Prevention Activity' for the students of Classes VI to VIII in the Assembly Hall on 17th July 2018. The Activity/ Workshop covered three pertinent aspects associated with bullying- 'What is it? What can you do to help? Why is it important to help?' The students were also told how not to be a 'passive bystander' and report such cases immediately. They learnt the importance of being sensitive to others and respecting the fact that all of us are unique. They were informed about why it is important to appreciate differences.

'Campus run for health' was organised in School on 30th July 2018. 134 students participated in the run. The top ten winners are:

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| I Sher Bahadur | II Ajay Chettri | III Suyash Khatiwara |
| IV Anoop Limboo | V Nitya Mehra | VI Mon Prasad Pradhan |
| VII Samarjith Nalvade | VIII Aryan Samil | IX Alok Pamnani |
| X Abhishek Mahour | | |

Global Educators Fest, organised by ScooNews in Udaipur from 3rd to 4th August 2018, was a rare platform that brought together the brightest of the minds from the field of education. The purpose of the fest was to ponder on how to leverage the country's illustrious legacy and incorporate global best practices to once again place India on the global map as the world's learning capital. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat was invited as the key note speaker, who contributed towards the discussion through thought leadership.

A Rajasthani Folk Dance Performance by Bhongar Khan Mangniyar Group was organized in the School under the aegis of Spic Macay on 7th August 2018.



A still from the dance performance.

The Middle Group Inter House English Debate was held on 8th August 2018. The results are as follows:

Best Speaker- Agrim Singh (For) and Aryan Girdhar (Against)

House Positions:

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

The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated in the School with a lot of fervor and enthusiasm. Upon arrival the Chief Guest- Mr Rahul Kulshrestha was escorted by the Senior School Prefect, Shashikiran Gonugunta for the inspection of the parade. The parade marched past the dais and the Brass Band played



Independence Day Celebration.

tunes like- 'aye watan, aye watan' which stirred patriotic feelings in all. Scindia School's Brass Band was led by Senior Under Officer- Yash Yadav. The Principal welcomed the Chief Guest and said that the day of independence should be celebrated to understand the continuity of things that keep communities together, which are success and prosperity. The Chief Guest expressed that The Scindia School gives you the courage to go beyond the ordinary and the mundane. After the March Past everyone proceeded to the *Astachal* to delve into solitude and silence the chatter of their minds. The representative of the Batch of 2003- Mr Mohnish Jain (Ex- Rn, 2003) gave a speech in which he expressed how the School has shaped their lives. The Principal felicitated the Chief Guest by presenting a token of appreciation.

The results of Inter-House Soccer Tournament for the year 2018-19 are as follows:

A Group

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

B Group

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|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| I Daulat | II Mahadji | III Jayappa | IV Jeevaji |
| V Jayaji & Madhav | VI Shivaji | VII Ranoji | |

Overall

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

The finals of the Inter House 'A' Group Table Tennis Tournament were played on 6th August 2018. The results are as follows:

House Positions:

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

Best player of the tournament- Prateek Parihar

Most promising player of the tournament- Mukund Agarwal

Mr Nayem Qureshi, a renowned author, film maker and journalist, visited the Fort from 11th to 12th August 2018 and shared his knowledge about the history of the Fort with the students of Classes VI, VII and VIII.

The various Clubs and Societies this year are - English Literary Society consisting English Creative Writing, Debating, Elocution, and Theatre; Hindi Literary Society consisting Creative Writing, Debating, Elocution, Theatre; Ramanujam Society; Abhimanyu Society; Bhabha Scientific Society; Business Bee Society; Foreign Languages Society; Wort Builder Form; Cartoon making, Video Making; MUN (Model United Nations). The Hobbies are as follows: Music, Band, Art, Paper Mache, Painting, Clay modeling, Wood Work & Stone carving, Metal Work, Computer & Robotics, and Photography. Outdoor activities include Community Service, Adventure, Educational Tours, and Round Square.

Ranoji and Jayaji Houses put up a spectacular House evening on the eve of the Independence Day. The event started with two wonderful musical



A still from the dance performance.

presentations. The dances added a lot of charm to the stage. The slow and subtle dance movements on an English number brought into innovation and novelty and the dance on the Hindi song 'Luka Chupi' sent the audience into tears as it presented the search of a son by a mother. The performances sent strong messages of unity and solidarity as pillars of this great nation. The Principal applauded the students for putting up a wonderful show.

Mr Dhirendra Sharma, Mr Raj Kumar Kapoor, Mr Vishesh Sahai, Ms Raksha Siriah, Ms Supreet Bakshi, Mr Ramesh Sharma and Mr Anil Pathania will receive the Global Teacher Award 2018 from AKS Education Private Limited, New Delhi. The award will be presented to them on 16th September 2018 in an event called "Global Teacher Congress & Awards 2018". Congratulations!

Summer, Summer, Summer!

Medhansh Trivedi | VI A

Summer, Summer, Summer
Why do you disturb me so?
An umbrella I will take,
For I don't want to be tanned!
My mother yelled, "Don't go out without me,
For it is lonely."
My father said, "Go in the early sun
And take some vitamin D."
Easy are holidays, school gets over soon,
Roaring like lions we run home like a loon.

The Drift of Life

Prakhar Jain | XII C

In the wind, I gently drift
like being in a mother's embrace
bathing in the golden showers
of the heavenly light
and
taking in the eternal fragrance
of the green
one last time.
The last leaf
of the lost spring
is what I am.

OBITUARY

We are sad to inform you about the untimely passing away of Mr Vishal Awasthi (Ex- Mj, 1987) in Chennai. May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace. Condolences may be sent to Mr Vineet Awasthi on 91 98390 32007.

We are sad to inform you about the untimely passing away of Mr Virendra Singh Thakur (Ex- Chaitanya, 1980). May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace. Condolences may be sent to his brother, Mr Rajendra Singh Thakur on 94253 26595.

आवाज़

आकाश फोगाट | कक्षा 12 ए

आसमान रंग बदल रहा था,
हवाएँ मुझे कुछ कहकर गुज़र रही थीं।
धीरे-धीरे रोशनी साथ छोड़ने लगी,
बड़े-बड़े बाज़ारों में केवल
पत्तों की हलचल थी।
पैरों तले की धूल,
आसमान पर काला साया
बनकर छाने लगी थी।
अँधेरा घना छा रहा था,
पक्षियों का कोई नामो-निशान नहीं था।
नदियों का पानी छलक रहा था,
गलियाँ सूनी हो गई थीं।

तभी एक बच्चे की रोने की आवाज़ आई
जो उस सुनसान इलाके में
बुलंदियों को छूने लगी थी।
बादलों की गरज उसे दबाने की
कोशिश कर रही थी
पर कोई पकड़ने के लिए नहीं था।
धीरे-धीरे वो आवाज़
मेरी ज़िन्दगी से लुप्त हो गई
और छोड़ गई अकेले तड़पने को,
मन की घुटन बैचनी ला रही थी,
आँसुओं की पलक गुन-गुना रही थी,
मैं परेशान था, न जाने मेरे मन को
क्या व्यथा सता रही थी।
बेचैन था कि वो आवाज़
क्या कहना चाहती थी ?

माँ गंगा

सारांश अग्रवाल | कक्षा 9 डी

सहस्र हैं दुनिया के करिश्मे,
लाखों पाठ वह देती जीवन के।

ऐसी है एक नदी निराली,
सबके मन को हरने वाली।

दुनिया उसे गंगा माँ कहती,
इसकी धारा निर्मल बहती।

उसके तट पर फसल लहराते,
जिससे हैं हम जीवन पाते।

मौसम से उसे फरक नहीं पड़ता,
बल्कि मौसम उसी से चलता।

इतनी बड़ी है उसकी दृष्टि
सारी सरिता है उसकी सृष्टि।

मार्ग में हो कितनी भी चुनौती,
बिना थके वह चलती रहती।

जीवन भी गंगा माँ देती,
मुक्ति भी गंगा ही देती।

इतना वह सभी को देती,
कभी न कुछ बदले में लेती।

ऐसे ही जीवन में चलो तुम,
कभी न रुको, कभी न थको तुम।

The Cerulean Space - Indebtedness to the past

Arya Laddha | XI A and Abhishek Mahour | XI B

"A teacher's job is to take a bunch of live wires and see that they are well-grounded."
-D. Martin

This article is based on an interaction with the Class of 2003 who were here on 15th August to celebrate 15 years of their Reunion. Mr Nitin Bhargava, Mr Rohit Khanna, Mr Mohnish Jain, Mr Gaurav Dalmia, Mr Vikram Sharma, Mr Vishwa Vijay Pratap, Mr Abhimanyu Singh, Mr Sambhaji Awad, Mr Shreyansh Kothari and Mr Akshaydeep Sharma visited the School. A number of anecdotes lay scattered about in the air as we talked to the Old Boys and it felt that the talk could go on endlessly as narrative followed narrative and the characters only changed. So, here comes the record of the trailblazers whose memory is etched in our hearts as we became the listeners to wonderful stories....

The Old Boys fondly remembered the teacher of the School, Mr Alok Virmani who was an avid mountaineer. He taught Business Studies to the students. He was all about polish and sophistication. The felicity of wit that he had was unparalleled. It happened once that when the movie *Dil Chahta Hai* was released he had a goatee beard. Somebody commented to him that he had been inspired by the film. Within a fraction of a second the answer came "No, they are inspired by me". They recounted that they did two adventure treks with Mr Virmani who was very particular about cleanliness and had his unique way of instilling this value in them. When he would take students to mountaineering expeditions and the students would carelessly throw away wrappers here and there, he would say nothing while scaling the mountain; once they would reach the top of the mountain, Mr Virmani would command those students who had made the mess to go back, pick up the litter and discard it appropriately. He was very particular about the conservation of resources- a typical conservationist to the core, he would see that no resources were ever wasted inside or outside the classroom. The students also remembered Mr Bhatt who had a very deep throated voice. He always brought a squash racquet with him to the class and



Friendly football match.

anyone who indulged in indiscipline had a taste of it. They also told us about Mr S.N. Upadhaya who was obeyed by students without a question. He never talked to anyone in the House except the House Prefect. He kept distance from the students and never indulged in close talk but his eyes would feel it all. The Old Boys were thankful to Mr Dinesh Siriah who taught hockey and football and the level of passion that he had for sports. They remembered Ms Ahilya Shinde for her sweet disposition to all.

They shared an incident about the time when they went to Australia with Late Mr Anirudh Sharma. The School had always known his encounters with cobras and pythons. Once a python came by, entered a dark classroom and nobody dared to enter it. He not only caught the python (which we are told was huge- 8 feet long!) but also took it out onto the Madhav field and put a tree guard on it so that it could not escape, till it was finally left in the verdant greens. He wore a cobra hat during the entire Australia tour which made the Australian and other Indian students of other schools, green with envy because such capacity to go beyond the ordinary was perhaps a unique mark of disposition

which only their *Scindian* teacher had. They also remembered how Ms Handoo was so particular about their grooming. She was remembered for her singular and uncommon stress on manners to be followed at the table. She knew that laying the groundwork for good etiquette at the dinner table means that children will more likely to become pleasant dinner companions for family meals in the years to come and it is a mark of good breeding. Mr Jaya Kumar would catch them unawares. They had gone to Bharatpur for cycling and Mr Jaya Kumar came out of nowhere and waved at them leaving them wonderstruck. One of them shared that he had surprised him on his wedding day, as he mounted the *ghodi*- there was someone tapping him on his right leg, and who else it could be! Mr Jaya Kumar had his exemplary way of expressing his love for the students. They expressed their gratitude to Mr Bakshi for being a strong bond between the Old Boys and the School.



Class of 2003.

Scindia School within the Gwalior Fort

Devendra Bhatnagar (Ex-Ja, 1974)

Mr Devendra Bhatnagar is an acclaimed poet, writer and speaker. While at School he was the Editor of The Scindia School Review. He has penned numerous verses on his alma mater. This poem reveals The Scindia School through the eyes of its alumnus.

High ramparts and guarded gates
But free spirits they reside within
The Fort itself a Paradise
With skies all so clear and blue
Atop a hill it sits commanding a majestic view
Ethos in its very sinews
Speaks of past and present valour
On the parapets that run its course
Monuments and water wells some large some small
Spread out with ex soldiers barracks set within
History, a footnote at each monument
Testament to conquests, defeats and sacrifices
Such a fine setting and to live within, any boys dream

I schooled here and it shaped my life
Added horizons within the class and out of it
In the middle classes and in free time
To avoid the heat off the rocky floor
I would retire under low sparse trees and shrubs
That formed a natural boudoir sporting berries
Here I dreamt of kings, battles, treaties and trumpets
And spent hours in blissful reverie

Seniors they took delight
In sending one alone at night
Shivering in the eerie shadow of the Teli ki Lath
That too we bore with bravery that was short in reality

I dreaded maths as it did not add up
When one is building castles in the air
But oh the romance of numbers
Led me to confront the cavalry
Impatiently standing by the lavatory door
Some plugging leaks, tamlot in hand
Lest the moat empty even before the battle began
Others standing with buckets like a firefighting chain
Awaiting their turn around a smoky and fire belching hot water 'bomba'

Clean behind the ears and stomachs empty
The meals tasted to the order of any Lord-
Nihari, Sada, Poories, Gulab Jamun et al
The names they rolloff the tongue easy even today

From classrooms to the clarion call of the playing fields
Inter-house rivalry was settled on this battle field
At sundown tired soldiers trooped back home
Hung their boots and hockey sticks
Checked for bruises and discomfort
After a bath and change dressed in spotless kurta pyjama
Trooped off to the Astachal to make peace with oneself
Certain tenets one must obey and uphold

Even in Nature- the evening stillness must descend
On every living being and even on impish grins
As we gazed upon the distant hills
Our thoughts entwined in the silence around
I couldn't help but nudge my friend next door
As the sun would sometimes dip at foot of Gandhiji's stick
Just He and He in the frame
Spoilt by the droppings of the resting pigeon during the day
Youthful wistfulness would lead us home
To a hearth far away from the fort
Brushing aside his own tear a friend's arm
Would lend comfort shouldering half the pain

And with incessant chatter this spell would break
As refreshed, back to our books in prep we would head
And to dinner and common room time following suit
Another day on the Fort would draw to a close
Tired young limbs, mischievous till sleep
Lights dimmed in dorms across a campus spread far afield
The Prefect with near a goose step
Would cast a pompous eye willing all to be still

Down in their quarters the House Masters
And in their homes the teachers would sigh, satisfied
And without a break prepare for the next day
Endless this effort for shaping young minds

Tireless their quest as they instilled in us
The quest to question and rationalize
And appreciate that learning was a boon bestowed upon the few
Even today we rever their perseverance
In shaping young brigands to turn out fine

The moon and stars as sentries stand witness
From bygone times
Bathing their silver upon the Fort
As bats to the night sky rise
And a disgruntled peacock somewhere cries
Solid still are the barracks that house the boys
And continuity, it has an unparalleled place to grow.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

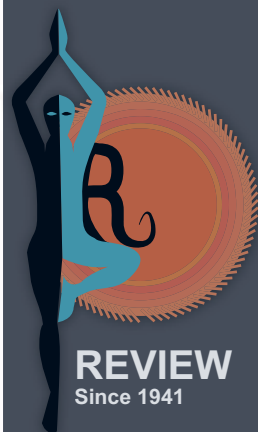
22 Old Boys of the Class of 1980, from 18 different cities across the country collected in Agra on 10th August 2018 for a three days' meet.

Mr Amitabh Malhotra (Ex- Md, 1986) has been appointed Head of Investment Banking for HSBC India.

Mr Harshwardhan Dhanwatey's (Ex- Sh, 1985) latest film on Human-Tiger conflict has been officially embedded on the US Government's United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) website.

Mr Nikhil Pradhan (Ex- Jyotiba 2003) is getting his first book 'Cold Truth' published by Harper Collins. While it's hitting stores at the end of the month, you can pre-order it on Amazon on the following link: <https://amzn.to/2M4wBl8>

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