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FORT NEWS

The Review Editorial Board wishes everyone a happy, prosperous and healthy 2019.

The students returned to the Fort and brought with them the warmth needed to stand the cold weather on the Fort. In the meanwhile, Winter Camps for Class X and XII continued on the Fort. A mild cold wave arrived in the middle of December which became quite intense in January and continues unabated with some spells of comparatively hotter days in between. Though the fog has struck us only once, yet the wintry conditions kept the sky obscure, for most part of the days, affecting the rail and the road traffic of this region. Bird watchers were particularly excited to see the migratory birds in large numbers. Wild Geese could be seen in plenty in Surajkund and playful monkeys basked in the sun. The dropping Mercury coupled with the holiday season attracted visitors galore, on the Fort.

As a welfare measure, a Bank of Baroda ATM has been installed in the Main School Building. Also, a new Laundry Service Provider (Laundromania Laundry Services) has been introduced into the School from 7th January 2019.

The International Award for Young People (IAYP) is an exciting self-development programme for 14-24 year olds. It equips young people with life skills, builds confidence and engages with communities. The IAYP representatives organised a training workshop for Award Leaders on 20th December 2019 at The Scindia School. The workshop was attended by six teachers from The Scindia School, three teachers from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya and one teacher from Happy Days School, Shivpuri. The programme entailed various fun activities and brainstorming sessions. At the same time the IAYP programme was discussed in detail. The participants were made to familiarise themselves with the various protocols and demands of the programme. The facilitators of the programme



IAYP Session

were- Mr Bivujit Mukhoty, the Programme Manager, IAYP, accompanied by Ms Pallavi Gill, IGE [International Gold Event] representative for India.

Sujal Jariha, Dharmender Singh and Sameep Mody participated in the final round of the State level Astronomy Quiz, from 20th December to 23rd December 2018, in which Sujal Jariha has made us proud by securing the ninth position out of 36 other competitors on the national level. He has been awarded with the opportunity to visit two observatories- one in Udaipur and the other at Mount Abu during the summer vacations of 2019. Congratulations!

It was a moment of extreme pride as The Scindia School Brass Band gave the Guard of Honour to the Chief Minister of Delhi on the 9th January 2019; to Chief of Army Staff on 16th January 2019 and the Defence Minister on 22nd January 2019. The Scindia School's contingent was a part of this ceremony and along



The Scindia School Brass Band

with other NCC contingents marched at the Rajpath on the 26th of January 2019. The Scindia School's Brass Band is the pride of The Scindia School and is one of the finest in the country. It has won accolades nationally and has been a part of the grand Republic Day Parade for many years now.

Ishaan Agarwal, Aditya Parashar and Pratham Agarwala qualified for the National level Infinity Contest held at Aditya Birla World Academy, from 11th to 12th January 2019. Aditya Parashar secured a bronze medal in the same.

The festival of *Makar Sankranti* was celebrated with a lot of fervour and enthusiasm on 15th January 2019. In the afternoon, the School's Oval and Madhav fields, became a riot of colours as kites soared in the sky. Yellow, green, blue and white; all colours born out of the spectrum could be spotted in the sky. The adroit ones had a great chance to show their skill and the amateurs tried their hands at it. It was accompanied by lovely music and savouries ranging from Rajasthani cuisine to the Punjabi and the South Indian savouries. Many girls and teachers from Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya visited the Fort to celebrate the festival with us.



Kite flying



How to succeed in life? Here's what I learnt!

Mr Naresh Mintri | (Ex-Rn, 1968-69)

I have always believed that one who has tasted the "saada" and that "brown pulao", can never forget the taste, for nowhere have I tasted these as they were here. Amul calls itself the "Taste of India", while I call this the "Taste of Scindia"!

When you are getting ready to choose your line of study, the specialty of subjects in Class IX, you do it with a dream – a dream of becoming someone special some day later in life. No matter what it be, from a nuclear or rocket scientist, to an actor-singer, or an artist. There is no work in life which is below dignity. Never think that any work in life is lowly, they are what you are meant to be, and whatever it be, have a dream for it. Like Dhirubhai Ambani, the founder of the richest industrial house in India, Reliance, used to say "DREAM - DREAM BIG!" you too should dream BIG, real BIG! Thinkers have said, reach for the stars, you will at least reach the moon, and if you aim for the moon, you may not be reaching anywhere, just hanging around in mid-air. Remember, there was a crazy person, living sometime long back, who had a crazy dream of having humans fly like birds and he gave us the modern flying machines. There was a crazy man who wanted to communicate with the world sitting in the comfort of his living room, and he gave us the telephone. So there have been many crazy dreamers who have given us so many things we can't live without, today. Maybe, one day, your dream will also give the world something to remember you by.

The next thing which you should remember is to never stop trying. History has it that many tried climbing Everest, failed, yet the next person gave it another try, learning from what the previous person did wrong, and kept on trying till one day the Everest was conquered! Thomas Edison was once asked, "What did you get by wasting so much time in discovering the electric bulb?" He replied, "I learnt of 9000 ways of not doing it!" There is also this story of Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland, who learnt a lesson from the spider in a cave. When he was ready to give up all hope, and was hiding in a cave waiting for the rain to stop, he saw a spider spinning a web. Many times the spider slipped and fell, hanging by its silken thread, and every time it crawled back up till finally the web was ready. Never give up hope, for there is always a lesson to be learnt in every failure, a lesson of how not to do something; after darkness comes light.

I'll tell you a story about my pranks in school. We had just learnt about electricity in our Physics class and how if two poles connected to a piece of metal each, and dipped in water, the water would get heated, just like we have those immersion water heaters. One day, we, batch-mates decided to have "hot coffee", and I was adventurous enough to suggest that I would warm the water. We found an old coffee tin, some wire, two old shaving blades duly cleaned, got the contraption ready, and put the wires in the plug. Bhut.....! and the fuse blew off. We ran into hiding as our House-Master came looking for us. Fortunately, no one gave out on us and we were saved from a thrashing. Know what went wrong? The blades were touching the bottom of the tin, creating a short-circuit and this blew the fuse! We, rather I, forgot that tin is a far better conductor of electricity than water. Lesson learnt..... never do anything with half-baked knowledge! If you wish to try out something, find out as much as you can about what you are about to do. Research, discover, understand, weigh the pros and cons and then step out. Just, do not spend too much time thinking and researching to let the opportunity miss you. Take the chance, just do not be disheartened if you fail.

"IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN." ~~Thomas H. Palmer

Don't give up too easily; persistence pays off in the end. There is no problem on Earth which doesn't have a solution. You just have to look for it. When I was in Class IX or X, during our library period, there were four of us in class, we used to go to one corner and get down to very serious discussions. Know what we were doing? We were trying to find a new solution to Pythagoras theorem (Theorem 29 in Geometry). Needless to say we didn't manage to find one, for it was already a Q.E.D., but we did let our thinking powers loose, the power to think differently. Use this in your life, and you will always be ahead of others.

Just don't waste too much time over it so much that you are stuck where you are and others go past. Give it a try, and if you don't find a solution to your problem, keep it aside for some time, carry on and come back to it later when you have time in hand. Always develop a habit of thinking something different than others. This is what will make you unique.

In short, when you step out to do something, no matter what, have fun! The more you enjoy doing it, the more passionate you get, and the higher the passion, the better the final result.

Now, here comes a tricky part!

Like I said, when doing something new, you are likely to falter and fall. It is the weak who give up and stay fallen. The strong are those who stand up and start again. Didn't Edison do that? He persevered. When you fall, there will be many who will be happy that you failed. Many will have words of discouragement in the- "I told you so...." mode. Some may applaud you, but there will be derision in their voice. Do not be disheartened. You need all kinds to make this world an interesting place. With the genuine- will be the fakes. There is no manual which gives you steps on detecting and isolating these fake friends and non well-wishers. Life will teach you how to find them. Just keep your eyes and ears open. Do not fall for flattery and sycophancy, for anyone doing that is definitely not your genuine well-wisher. Remember, just like every failure has a lesson, so also every negative comment. There is a positive element in every negative also. Look for the positives everywhere, make it a habit, and once it becomes a habit, you will have positives coming your way in life.

When does one see a rainbow?

When the sky is ominously dark, overcast and we've just had rain, with the sun low down on the horizon. Ominous, dark, overcast, rains - not at all an ideal situation, yet we are blessed with a rainbow, and rainbows fill us with joy! We feel so good seeing a rainbow, and if it is a double, we call it an Angel Sign!

Similarly, when things are bad in life, when there is a lot of negativity around you, people speak bad things about you, nothing seems to go right, just look up to the sky and there you will find the rainbow! and..... at the end of the rainbow is that pot of gold. Not bad.... eh... a pot of gold in a bad situation!

Now that you have your dream, and have started working on it, you falter and fall, stand up and restart. What does one do next? Success doesn't mean getting anything done at any cost. Success, for me, is getting something done with least effort and minimum cost. Remember, there is no alternative to action. The more doggedly you follow your dream, it becomes a passion, and if you are passionate about and, most important, have faith and belief that it will happen. I will give you an example, something which I give my students when I am teaching them about energy healing- 'We go out for a family dinner. We decide the venue (the dream here), go there (action taken), falter over what to order and what not to order (failure to decide) and then we place our order and when we do give our order, the steward who takes our order is given a Thank you!' Don't we all do it? Now that all this is done, what do we all do? Sit and patiently wait for our order to be served, believing it will be served when ready! This patient wait is the time, in life, when we continue doing what needs to be done to have that dream given to you. People may laugh at you for waiting for the project to get going properly. Let them have all the fun they can now, for the one who laughs last is the one who laughs the loudest, and it will be you....having that hearty laugh! something, you will give it your best effort. And the more you work on it, you will find doors opening for you from all sides. This will only happen if you are in a state of gratitude, thanking the Universe for all it is doing for you and giving you. Why does one do it before things have actually fructified?

It's like this..... you are supposed to give a present to someone, but don't feel like giving it, for whatever reason. But, the person who is to get his gift, starts thanking you in advance for the gift, and even discretely mentioning about what he expects, no matter how small. What do you do in this case? Like it or not, you give that present. Here, the Universe which I have mentioned, is the Divine force. We all agree it has a mind of its own, and does what it thinks is good for us, at the same time, it also behaves like us- humans, reacting and

responding to things like we do. The more you keep thanking it, the more ashamed it will be, for accepting the thanks for something not given or done, and out of shame will give it to you. This is what is these days known as being in a state of gratitude. The more grateful you are for things received or to be received, know for certain it will come. Even in your dreams, or thoughts, keep thanking the Universe.

Never ever run away from challenges, for in every challenge is an opportunity, and opportunity knocks but once. Grab it with both hands, hang on to it for dear life. Start swimming with this last straw of support till you reach the bank. This is life. Love it. Play with it. Have a good laugh, just never give up. If one door closes, know that another door is waiting to open where there will be more and better goodies for you. Just believe in Divine timing. I do not advice you to go running to those astrologers to find out when that Divine timing will be striking for you. It will strike if your dream, the action, the belief which are all in your mind, sing the same tune – of confidence and gratitude. No matter what others may say, if you get these strings to resonate in harmony, there is no power on earth to hold you back from playing a mesmerising tune.

And, the last suggestion. Never stick your neck out! We often have the habit of volunteering to do things. A good habit, for the more you do diverse things, you learn more about things in life. Just make sure you have adequate experience,

and help, for doing what you volunteer for. If you do it well, there will be a few who applaud you. Make the slightest mistake, and the whole world will speak about how badly you did it. To err is human, we all know, not the world which will find uncharitable things to speak about you. Just make sure what you are getting into before getting in there. Doesn't mean- never do anything. Do it, for as I said, you could falter and fall and that is the way we learn. Be modest and humble in the beginning when asked to do something, and if you do agree, add the rider, "to the best of my ability subject to you all helping me!" Gives you an escape route if you find things going difficult for you. Heads I win, tails also I win! Keep this avenue open for yourself.

Having read all this, you will agree on one thing. Life is nothing but a mind game. Everything starts in the mind and ends there. Use it well. And, also remember that saying we have in Hindi मन के हारे हार, मन के जीते जीत! The मन here is your mind. Victory or loss is all up there! I can vouch for all that I have shared here, for they are all from my own life experiences. You will have similar experiences, for we all have a unique path to follow in life, and every path has its own share of fun and laughter. Enjoy every moment. Laugh and the world will laugh with you; cry and you will cry alone. Keep this in mind and keep moving on.

God bless you!

Invasion of Body Squeezers

Rohan Asrani | VI A

Hello, my name is Eric Andrews and I am in the horror room. I am going to tell you, my story. I am a boy with a short height and with a long nose, beautiful eyes, sparkling shiny teeth and a pimple behind my ear! Before the advent of yesterday; that is two days' back, something landed from the outer space and fell right behind my legs as I sauntered on the terrace of my house. I took it and when I went to my dressing room, I kept it in my cupboard. Gosh! Today I took it to my school and showed it to Mr Johnson. "This is the stone you found in your garden! Don't make us a fool." The fellow students could not believe their eyes. The stone was no bigger than a football. During recess time, I went into the kitchen of my house and kept the stone on the dining table and sat on a chair and looked at that the stone, continuously. After some time my science teacher, Mr Ray Johnson, came with his bald head, and big eyes telling me to sit with him and we both went to my bedroom with that space thing. He asked me as to why I left the school at the recess time. I didn't want to talk about the reason but I said, "Everyone was teasing me so..." "Tick-tock", came the sound. We saw that something of the size of a grasshopper came out of the stone and began to grow into the size of a button. I looked at my science teacher who was ablaze with green light. The strange creature of the button size, looked as if he wanted to call Mr Johnson who commented to me then- "Look! we are the first to see a space creature. I think he only looks ugly, but is friendly, and he wants to befriend us." It embraced Mr Johnson who to my fright had taken a step closer to the green-eyed giant in the meanwhile. Suddenly, the creature pushed short nails out of his hand and injected them into his back. There was no blood of any sort, just that Mr Johnson turned eerily green. "Are you ok, Mr Johnson? Should I call someone?" "I am alright, Eric", green bubbles popping out of his ears. "Come closer", he said to me. "No, no, the alien is inside your body...It is in your body and it wants to multiply!" I shrieked in fright.

The door opened and a postman came and gave a letter to Mr Johnson. The postman went off saying "See you tomorrow, Eric!" After that I saw IT passing into the postman's body. I opened the letter and in it was written about my younger sister who had some infection in the tonsils and my mum and dad had gone to the doctor. They had to reach the next day. This interlude did not make me forget about the green creature. I thought about how I will be in my home situated in a city in which the aliens were spreading. I finally switched on the TV and started watching the news. It was about 10 o'clock of the night and the news foretold the weather in New York. I saw green bubbles erupting out of the reporter's ears. I opened the door the next morning to receive Ella, my friend, who retorted, "Why are you not coming to school? Do you know that all the teachers, students and even the principal are behaving a bit in the weird fashion." Suddenly I heard a loud crash in the backyard of my house. I went

there and looked up at the sky. Lo and behold! The same kind of creatures! Green like verdure! An hour later I went into the balcony and saw hundreds of green humans walking on the streets. I saw my parents also but I couldn't see my sister. She came after me and said "I saw the alien spreading into the bodies of mom and dad and I ran away from there. Later I met a blue creature who asked me if the alien had entered my body too." She is five years old and we two are a look alike. Oh God! I wanted to go out and hug my mom and dad. After all they were my parents! How I resisted the temptation and feeling!

I went into the kitchen and it was full of people who said, "You and your sister are very clever. They are escaping from every alien. For thousands of years we have dreamt of coming to your planet and conquering it. Now the day comes!" With this it tried to enter my body; Woe the green ghastly light! It became a big brain and with all my might I grabbed it hard and tussled with it. It disappeared and I saw everybody changing back to their normal selves. You see the antidote was the feelings that I had for my parents which caused them to wither away!

नटखट बचपन

अंश गर्ग | 7 बी

हर मनुष्य अपने जीवन में कभी न कभी बच्चा रहा है। हर मनुष्य ने अपना बचपन गुज़ारा है। मनुष्य के लिए बचपन बहुत आवश्यक है। बचपन का समय सीखने का समय होता है। माँ हमारी पहली अध्यापिका होती है और वह हमें जीना सिखाती है। बचपन में हम वर्णमाला सीखते हैं और धीरे-धीरे इतना कुछ सीख जाते हैं कि बड़े होकर हम नौकरी करते हैं या व्यापार करते हैं। जन्म लेने पर मम्मी-पापा उसका ध्यान रखते हैं, उसे चलना सिखाते हैं, उसको अपने हाथों से खाना खिलाते हैं, उसे बोलना सिखाते हैं, उसे खुद नहलाते हैं, उसे गोदी में लेकर घूमते हैं। फिर उसे विद्यालय भेजते हैं। वहाँ वो अपनी उम्र के बच्चों के साथ घुलता-मिलता है, दोस्त बनाता है और शिक्षा प्राप्त करता है। बच्चों को भगवान भी माना जाता है। हर मनुष्य चाहता है कि वह अपना बचपन दुबारा जी सके। इस उम्र में बच्चे बहुत चंचल हो जाते हैं और बहुत-सी शैतानियाँ करते हैं और शैतानियाँ करते-करते ही वे कुछ सीख जाते हैं। बच्चों की यह चंचलता खेलों में भी दिखाई पड़ती है। बच्चे विभिन्न प्रकार के खेल खेलते हैं और खेल-खेल में बहुत कुछ सीख जाते हैं। खेलों में मिलकर के खेलने में हम सबके साथ मिल-जुल कर रहना भी सीखते हैं। खेलों से हमारा स्वास्थ्य भी अच्छा हो जाता है। बचपन के ही ये खेल हमें बड़े होकर स्वस्थ रखते हैं।



मौका है कुछ कर लो !

उत्कर्ष अग्रवाल | 10 सी

हे मनुष्य! इस प्राणी जगत में रहकर कुछ तो कर लो,
तुम इस अंधेर नगरी में कुछ इस तरह न भटको ।
कार्य करना ऐसा कि धरती माता भी जागे,
नाम हो जग में सारा कि बदनामी डरकर भागे ।

मौका है कुछ कर लो, आगे बढ़ो, तुम मत डरो,
बुराईयों को चीरते, फाड़ते, बढ़े चलो, बढ़े चलो ।
अधर्म को तोड़ते-तोड़ते, खज़ाना धर्म का भर लो ।
आज और अभी ही मौका है, युग बदल कर रख दो ।

कार्य करो ऐसा कि दुनिया पूरी तारीफ करे
वरना तुम मुँह को, कोने में छिपा कर धर लो ।
आगे बढ़ना है तुम्हारा काम, करना ऊँचा है देश का नाम ।
अभी तुम्हारे पास मौका है कुछ कर लो ।

बुराईयों से तुम मत डरना, आगे है तुम्हें बढ़ना ।
कोई ऐसी ताकत नहीं है जो कह दे तुमको रुकना ।
दृढ़ निश्चय करके, आगे तुम बढ़े चलो ।
ज़िन्दगी आगे पड़ी है मनुष्य, मौका है कुछ कर लो ।

मनुष्यता का मान रखके, कुछ कदम तो बढ़ा लो ।
आगे मंज़िले ऊँची है तो ऊँची सोच से भर लो ।
ईश्वर से ताल मिला के, कार्य पूरा कर लो ।
यही आखिरी मौका है फिर तन-मन अर्पित कर दो ।

यादगार लम्हा

ओजस अग्रवाल | 8 बी

मेरा यादगार लम्हा तब था जब मैं तीसरी कक्षा में था । बात यह थी कि उस समय न ज्यादा पढ़ाई करनी थी, न कुछ । यदि कुछ करना होता था तो वह था खेलना । मैं खेलने के लिए एक मित्र देख रहा था तब मुझे 500 रुपये मिले । मैं उठाने जा रहा था तब मन में ख्याल आया कि मत उठाओ, यह तुम्हारा नहीं है । एक ख्याल यह भी आया कि इससे कुछ अच्छा खरीदेंगे । मैंने वह उठाया और अपने रास्ते चल दिया । मैंने दूसरा कदम रखा ही था कि एक बच्चे के रोने की आवाज़ आई । वह आवाज़ कुछ जानी पहचानी थी । यह तो राहुल की आवाज़ थी । जब मैंने राहुल से आँसू बहाने का कारण पूछा तो उसने कुछ 500 रुपये के बारे में बताया कि उसका पाँच सौ रुपया खो गया है ।

उसकी माँ ने सामान लाने के लिए 500 रुपये दिए थे । वह यहाँ पर आकर बैठा और याद करने लगा कि क्या-क्या लाना था । वह याद करके आगे बढ़ चला । जब उसने जेब में हाथ डाला तो जेब खाली थी । वह तब से 500 रुपये खोज रहा है । मैंने वह 500 रुपये उसके हाथ में दिए और कहा - यह तुम्हारे हैं ? वह चकित रह गया । उसने मुझसे एक सवाल पूछा कि यह तुम्हें कैसे मिला ? मैंने थोड़ा शर्मिंदा होते हुए बताया कि मुझे 500 आवाज़ सुनाई दी और मैं तुम्हारे पास आ गया । वह खुश हो गया कि उसके 500 रुपये मिल गए । वह सामान लेने चला गया । मुझे मदद करके अच्छा लगा । वह यह किस्सा सबको बताता है । आज वह मेरा सबसे प्रिय मित्र है ।

If people only knew how hard I've worked to gain my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful at all.
- Michelangelo

Ethereal Distance

Yanglem Arjun Singh | IX A

It's all through distance, that I have now realised the importance of all those without whom life is quite incomplete. Laughing in the silence, remembering all those times when we did nothing but made beautiful memories. All the importance and love that we were once overwhelmed with, is what we now crave for.

Those gestures which just lit up your day with happiness; those comforting hugs which once suffocated you- is all that you now need. All the cacophony that you once avoided is the only thing that can now quench your thirst. The soul that made me smile the most has now left me in tears.

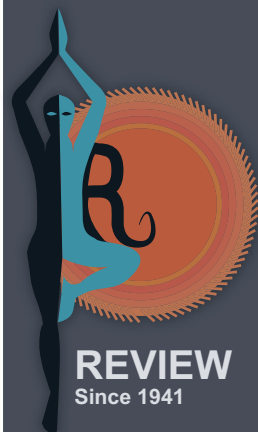
Their presence made me feel alive but their absence gives me a reason to look back into the hind sight. What they said "then", makes sense "now". But for this "now" that "then" was required.

For all the time you feel like it's all going to come to an end and it shatters you down completely and leaves you with no hope and makes you feel insecure, don't forget distance cannot be stronger than destiny. Destiny will leave its magic wherever it goes. Destiny separates you to bring you in communion again and makes you recall all those unforgettable days which are indelibly inked in your mind.

In the end I would like to say -

"In every meeting there is a sorrow of parting. But in every parting, there is a joy of meeting too".

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