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Seasons greetings to all. As we embrace the festive spirit and approach the end of another enriching year, it is with great pleasure that we bring to you the December edition of our school newsletter. This month has been filled with a multitude of activities that have showcased the talent, dedication, and spirit of the integrators.

Our school grounds came alive with enthusiasm as students from all levels, Ekya, Satva, Ankuram and even our youngest members from The OASIS Junior—participated in the Annual Athletic Meet. The fields resonated with the echo of marching feet and applause as participants engaged in a variety of track and field events, fostering a sense of healthy competition and camaraderie.

Amidst the excitement of various events, we also navigated the serious business of academics as students of classes X and XII prepare for their ICSE and ISC Board examinations respectively. The Quarterly Examinations for Ekya were held. It was heartening to witness the focus and dedication exhibited by our students. The students are encouraged to use this opportunity not just as an assessment but as a stepping stone for personal growth and academic excellence.

December emerges as a captivating and multifaceted season, embracing a spectrum of celebrations, the magic of winter, the spirit of giving, and the introspection that comes with the year's end. In the true spirit of giving, our school organised the Annual Winter Fest, a joyous celebration that not only embraced the festive season but also aimed at making a positive impact on the community. This year, the Winter Fest supported various NGOs like SHRAM, Bajaj Institute for Learning, and PYDS. To inculcate the feelings of Kindness and Compassion the school partnered with Sharnagat in setting up a dog adoption centre. The festive ambience was amplified by the shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Through various activities, performances, and collaborative efforts, we successfully raised funds for a charitable cause. It was heartwarming to see our students, regardless of age, actively participating in creating a positive impact on the lives of others.





The transition from December to January symbolises not only the end of a calendar year but also the promise of new beginnings and opportunities. As December unfolds, it invites us to cherish moments of joy, share in the warmth of human connection, and embrace the hope and promise of a new chapter in the journey of life.

There's something magical about the anticipation of Christmas vacation. The thought of cosying up with a good book, watching Christmas movies with family, basking in the winter sunshine, and enjoying the comfort of being tucked in, under a warm blanket is a source of comfort for both students and staff alike.

As we bid farewell to 2023, let us carry these moments of joy, accomplishment, and goodwill into the new year. May the spirit of togetherness and celebration continue to thrive in our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!







"IN THE ZONE: EXPLORING MY LOVE FOR SPORTS"

MY FAVOURITE SPORT: CHESS

Harjas Singh Chadha Canna

My favourite sport is not a traditional physical sport, but a sport for the mind, called 'Chess'. Chess is like a battlefield where you have to plan your moves, anticipate your opponent's moves, and think ahead. I love this game as it has taught me patience, critical thinking and decision making. I enjoy participating in Chess tournaments and meeting other Chess enthusiasts. My dream is to be a famous Chess player like Magnus Carlsen. The thrill of winning a game of Chess is incomparable, but even in defeat, I have learned to analyse my moves and learn from my mistakes. It is a sport that provides a platform for endless opportunities. Now, I have fallen in love with the black and white pieces.

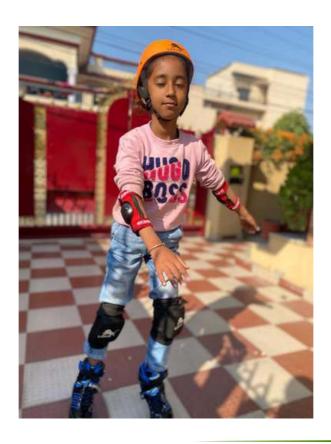




MY FAVOURITE SPORT: SKATING

Mysha Sharma Aster

In my school, I play and enjoy different types of sports and activities. My favourite sport is Skating. My school has a nice skating rink. In the beginning, I was very scared but our skating instructor taught us how to balance. When I skate, I feel like I am gliding on ice. I feel so happy and excited. My friends and I play roller ball while skating. I always wear my helmet and safety pads to protect myself from getting hurt. My friends and I eagerly wait for Sundays to get over because every Monday we have a skating class.







ANNUAL ANKURAM ATHLETIC MEET Anumita Rawat Eustoma

"Sport has the power to change the world, it has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where there was once despair" - Nelson Mandela.

The OASIS hosted the much awaited "Annual Ankuram Athletic Meet" on Monday, December 11th, 2023 at its sprawling grounds. The morning was filled with great excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. The Athletic Meet was held for the Primary section, Ankuram. All the parents were cordially invited to the event.

The event began with a welcome speech by the Master of Ceremonies. The MCs requested the Director, Mr. Raghav Oberai, to hoist the school flag and the first event, the walk-past started. Following the walk-past, medals and certificates for Long Jump were distributed. Class I students had 30-meter Santa Clause race and mixed hurdle race. Class II students performed a Yoga display. There was an amazing PT display by the students of classes IV and V. Medals and certificates were distributed to the students of Class I, after which races of Class II students began which included 30-meter race and 30-meter dress-up race for both boys and girls. Further, Class I students performed a Pom-Pom display which I enjoyed a lot. Following it, the 50-meter race and bag race took place for the boys and girls of Class III. Following this event, medals and certificates were distributed to the students of Class II, then there was 60-meter race for Class IV and 4x50 meter skipping relay for both boys and girls. Medals and certificates for Class III were distributed after the races.

Next was the Wushu display by students of Class III. The day progressed with the 80-meter race for Class V for both boys and girls, after which the medals and certificates were awarded to the students of classes IVand V. The most interesting event of the day was the relay race of the parents, which was very exciting to watch.

Finally, the host announced the winner of this year's Sports Cup, which was Pelican House. The event was concluded with an inspiring speech by the Director, Mr. Raghav Oberai. The vote of thanks was followed by the national anthem.

It was a day filled with sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and memories to cherish.



















INTER-HOUSE 'JUST A MINUTE' COMPETITION

Emme Bhatt Euphorbia



An Inter-House 'Just a Minute' Competition was held on 14th December 2023 at The OASIS. It took place at the Theatre Studio. The hosts for the day were Arsalan Shaikh and Hargun Kaur. The judges for this thrilling competition were Mrs. Akanksha Vasudev, Ms. Vani Dua, and Mrs. Harpreet Kaur Machra.

The competition was meant for the students of Classes IV and V. The participants of Class IV were Gonpo Dhondup Bista representing Pelican House, Anokhi Singh speaking for Starling House, Saarvi Kulchand from Cardinal House, and Ania Vaideswaran appearing for Oriole House. The participants of Class V were Shreyansh Samal from Pelican House, Kritvi Rattan representing Starling House, Gayatri Khanduri from Cardinal House, and Aanya Dang representing Oriole House.

The competition was held in two rounds, namely 'Prop Round' and 'Narrate Your Story' Round. In Round 1, which was the 'Prop Round', the competitors were asked to speak about the object provided to them. Round 2 was 'Narrate Your Story', in which the participants of Class IV narrated a story on the topic given to them while on the other hand, participants of Class V had to come up with a story on the specific proverb given to them.





In Round 1 for Class IV, Gonpo spoke about glue sticks, Anokhi spoke about straws, Saarvi spoke about shoelaces and Ania spoke about cylinders. From Class V, Shreyansh spoke about air pods, Kritvi spoke about a scale, Gayatri spoke about belts and Aanya spoke about keychains.

In Round 2 for Class IV, Gonpo spoke on the topic, "My family left me alone to board a train", Anokhi spoke on "I peek through the window", Saarvi spoke on "Parents and their phones" and Ania spoke about "Reading helps us to grow". In Class V, Shreyansh shared his thoughts on "A stitch in time saves nine", Kritvi spoke on "Actions speak louder than words", Gayatri spoke on "As you sow, so shall you reap" and Aanya expressed her views on "Grass is always greener on the other side".

Each participant delivered eloquently, earning praise from all. Results were announced on 19th December.

Class IV -

1st – Saarvi Kulchand

2nd – Ania Vaideswaran

3rd – Gonpo Dhondup Bista

Class V -

1st – Gayatri Khanduri

2nd – Kritvi Rattan

3rd – Shreyansh Samal

The programme was wound up with a word of thanks by our Head of School and School Director, Mr. Sanjiv Bathla. He appreciated the participants and the hosts for the wonderful event.











A MEMORABLE ATHLETICS MEET



The annual athletics meet was held on the 2nd of December, which coincidentally was my birthday. I was quite sick and on the night of 1st December. While I was sleeping, I was continuously manifesting that I get a little better for the next day so that I can run.

The day came after a long and dark night. In the morning, I was shivering as if I were a jackhammer. With great endurance and grit, I came to school. My medicine made me feel a little better. While I was sitting in the tent, I heard the anchors announcing the results of the under-14, shot put and discuss throw. I was all ears. It was announced, "the third position...the second position...the position goes to ... Puranjay!" I was very excited as this was the first time I received a medal from the school in discus throw. I was on cloud nine. I secured the bronze medal for discus throw. I then calmed down for my mixed relay. I was a little nauseous but then I closed my eyes and relaxed a bit. After the PT display, we had the boys relay.

After that was the mixed relay. I wore my spikes, and at the back of my mind, I was calming myself. I was the fourth runner, which meant it depended on me whether I ran fast enough to make our team win. Sir told me my position. I stood a little behind the line, so that I could get that launch. Mishika was running towards me and our team was leading. She slowed down in the end but I told her to keep running till she handed over the baton. The moment I got the baton, an inner voice told me,"This is your time to shine! " Like a cheetah running for its prey, I ran towards the finish line. I slowed down a little to see where the other competitors were, I again regained speed as I was nearing the finish line. In an instant, I crossed the line. I was very happy and excited. I entered the tent like a true winner. I was greeted by all the teachers and students. I understood how Lionel Messi felt after winning the World Cup. I received another gold medal for this relay. At the end of the annual athletics meet, I earned myself 2 gold and 1 bronze medal.





INTER HOUSE SHLOK VACHAN

Puranjay Rana VIII C

'*Shloka*' is a Sanskrit word that refers to a verse, proverb, hymn, or poem that uses a specific meter. It is a distich consisting of two lines of 16 syllables each, or of four octosyllabic hemistichs that is the chief verse form of the Sanskrit epics. Our school organises the Shlok Vachan every year.

This year, on December 13th, we competed in an Inter-House Shlok Vachan competition, in which we had to recite *shlokas* from *Neetishatkam*.

There were 4 participants from each house and they had to recite all the *shlokas and* follow it up with their meanings. Vinaya House bagged the first position, Daivik House bagged the second position and Prasatti House bagged the third position.

The judges were Varsha ma'am, Himani ma'am and Meenakshi ma'am. The anchors for the show were Neel Bansal of Class VIII and Anvita Singh of Class VII.

I'm sure that each of us learned something new, and that this was a new experience for many individuals because there were many participants from Class VI, and participants from each of the houses motivated each other. All in all, the Inter- House Shlok Vachan competition was an enriching experience.













INTER HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION



Saffira Aurora IX B

The echoes of Qawwali resonated through our school as the Inter-House Indian Music Competition unfolded, revealing a symphony of talent. The recent Inter-House Indian Music Competition was a beautiful celebration of cultural richness with the mesmerising sounds of Qawwali. The competition gave students an opportunity to explore the soulful realm of the 'Qawwali' genre.

With origins in Sufi traditions, Qawwali is a devotional music genre with its history dating back to the 13th century. Hazrat Amir Khusraw, who is revered as the creator of Qawwali, is at the center of this musical style. A polymath in his own right, he composed the melodic and rhythmic underpinnings of Qawwali in addition to being a poet and scholar.

The competition was filled with verses that conveyed powerful messages of unity, love, and devotion through the soulful art of Qawwali. Each performance incorporated the distinct features of Qawwali, including repetitive patterns and powerful vocals creating an authentic atmosphere.

Students from various houses displayed a remarkable understanding of the musical nuances required to render this particular genre of music effectively.

The show would have gone nowhere without our school's Indian music teacher and our tabla teacher. A special mention was given to Shivanshi Gupta and Anhad Singh Kohli for helping out with the harmonium and tabla respectively. Their lively performance, throughout the show, was highly appreciated.

The competition came to an end with the judges and the Head of School and School Director, Mr Sanjiv Bathla addressing the gathering and declaring the result. The judges were also presented mementos. The results were as follows:

1st Position: Mahit House

2nd Position: Daivik House

3rd Position: Vinaya House













Sustainable development is that which meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. How we must live today if we wish for a better tomorrow.

This was portrayed beautifully, on a sheet, by the students of Satva on 11th December 2023, during the Inter-House Poster Making Competition with the theme 'Sustainable Development'.

The competition was held in pairs, allowing two participants from each house to convey their message through a remarkable poster. This competition encouraged the students to exceed their creative boundaries, and showcase their skills on the topic assigned. Even with a limited time frame of one hour, the students performed excellently.

Each house gave their best and made remarkable posters, but the ones which fascinated the judges the most were:

1st- Vinaya House

2nd- Daivik House

3rd- Prasatti House

This competition not only helped us in spreading the awareness of Sustainable Development, but also in increasing our teamwork, friendship, and bonds.









INTER HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION



Saffira Aurora IX B

In the midst of the intense focus on the quarterly exams for the Ekya students, a burst of creativity and energy engulfed our school as the Satva students took center stage in the Inter-House Dance Competition. The event, a resplendent celebration of talent, showcased a myriad of themes that left an indelible mark on both performers and spectators alike.

One of the most striking aspects of the competition was the diverse range of themes explored through dance. From thought-provoking narratives on transgender experiences, to poignant portrayals of a daughter's life to environmental issues, the performances transcended mere choreography, becoming powerful expressions of empathy and understanding. Students performed skilfully and wove stories through movement, fostering a deeper appreciation for diversity and inclusivity within our school community.

Each house brought its unique flair to the stage, infusing the event with a spirited atmosphere that resonated throughout the Multi-Purpose Hall. The commitment of the students and the guidance of their teachers was evident in every synchronised step and every expressive gesture. Through these performances, the students conveyed not only their artistic talent but also their understanding of important social issues.







The vibrant tapestry of themes and emotions conveyed through dance left a lasting impression on everyone. The competition highlighted the importance of nurturing creativity, empathy, and awareness to students, preparing them to be not just academically accomplished but also socially conscious individuals.

The competition came to an end with the School Director and Head of School, Mr. Sanjiv Bathla addressing the audience and declaring the results.

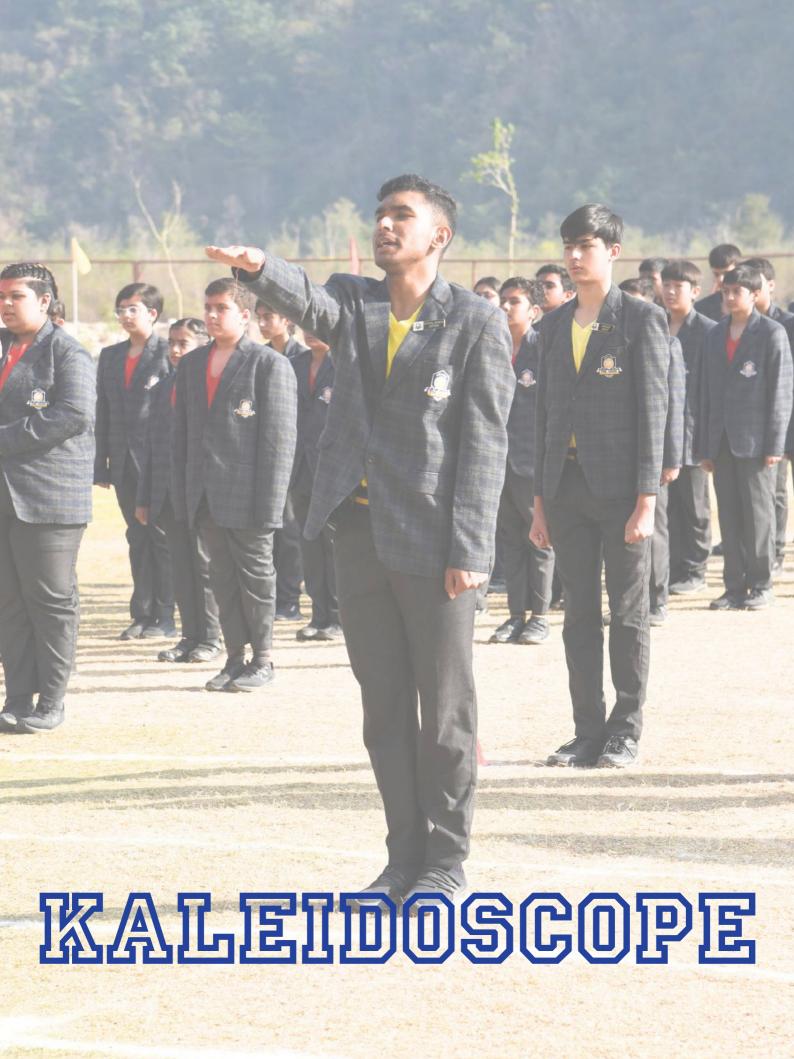
The frst position was bagged by Mahit House, followed by Daivik in second place and Vinaya House secured the third position.











INTER HOUSE ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEET

Aveer Prakash IX B

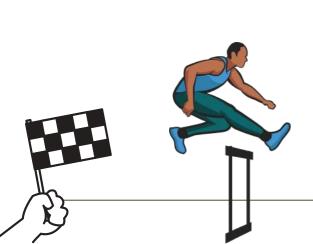
Physical activity and athletics is one of the most essential and integral parts of human life. Athletics not only helps in cultivating a healthy body but also a healthy mind. It also benefits our communication and coordination. Thus upholding these critical philosophies, The OASIS Annual Athletic Meet commenced on 2nd December 2023.

The event started off with the opening March Past which was a combination of discipline and coordination amongst the students of various houses.

After the houses had lined up in front of the audience, Sports Captain, Aaditya Kathait took the pledge. The School Director and Head of School, Mr. Sanjiv Bathla declared the Annual Athletics Meet 2023 open. Events such as 100m, 200m, 400m and Hurdles were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. A masterful Physical Training Display also took place which showed the consistency and hard work of both the students and staff to provide an enthralling performance to the spectators.

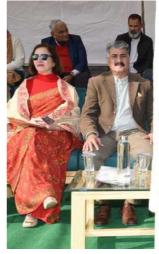
After all the events had been completed, the students lined up one final time for the announcement of the awards. Although all participants and houses had given a commendable performance, a clear victor had to be decided. The best U-14, boy athlete was Aditya Gusain, the best U-14, girl athlete was Yashi Mittal. The best U-18 boy and girl athletes were Sahajveer Singh Sandhu and Aanya Soni respectively.

As for the House awards, the March Past Trophy was won by Daivik House, the PT Trophy was won by Mahit House and the overall winner of the Annual Athletic Meet was Daivik House. After the awards ceremony, Mr. Sanjiv Bathla addressed the gathering and announced the annual Athletic Meet 2023 closed. The event was a memorable and highly successful one which was enjoyed and cherished by one and all.























INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE AND ARTS FESTIVAL

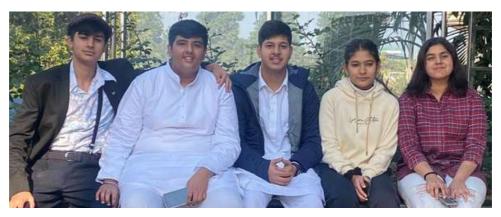
Aarav Malhotra

Stepping onto the festival stage, we were fueled by a mix of nervous excitement and pride.

The cast, featuring Aarav Malhotra, Deepjyoti Negi, Jagmeet Singh Sidhu, Satvik Arora, and Vanshika Rawat brought the characters to life with their compelling performances. The characters in the play were *Pant Babu*, *Hawa*, *Pyaasa* and *Vriksha*. The play's narrative resonated with the audience, conveying a powerful message about the need to safeguard our environment.

Behind the scenes, the guiding force was our dedicated Hindi teacher, Mr. Mohit Kumar Sharma, who directed the play with attention to detail. His passion for theatre played an important role in our success. As the curtains closed on our performance, the applause from the audience echoed our collective effort in addressing a crucial issue through the art of drama. Participating on the platform not only showcased our artistic prowess but also increased our self confidence and boosted our will power.

Participating in the International Literature and Arts Festival by Valley of Words was an amazing journey for our school's theatre group. The genesis of our performance, "Pryavaran ek Prashnchinnh," can be traced back to our win previously in an Inter-School Competition, 'Iti Natya', where we secured the second position. The play, centered around the urgent need of environmental conservation, earned us a well-deserved invitation to the prestigious festival.







"THE OPPOSITE OF A HERO IS NOT A VILLAIN; IT'S A BYSTANDER."

-MATT LANGDON

In an era marked by technological advancements and global connectivity, educational institutions must foster a sense of national pride and instil values that go beyond textbooks.

The Jai Hind Project started by Mr. Vineet Panchhi is one such campaign of bringing Indians together on a common platform to give India self-empowered individuals or positive role models who can contribute significantly to inspiring and uplifting communities, fostering growth, and driving positive change.

On the 18th of December 2023, our school hosted a special introductory event on the Jai Hind Project. Mr. Vineet Panchhi who is a communication consultant, filmmaker, writer and the founder of 'Word of Mouth Media' took to the stage to introduce his dream venture 'The Jai Hind Project' which was witnessed by eminent guests, Heads of Schools, teachers and students.





What is the Jai Hind Project? India's many problems, especially ones that affect the large majority of our poor and underprivileged, are a constant struggle. This battle is fought daily by individuals, organisations, and the government. This battle is also fought amidst India's chaos and diversity of opinions. This is a 'good fight'. This is how all nations and people grow and flourish. The change-makers are common people who rise to the occasion by demonstrating courage and resilience to positively impact their communities. We call these people and organisations – 'Heroes'. It is an initiative to recognise and celebrate the efforts of these common everyday heroes who inspire others by their actions. This is the genesis of 'The Jai Hind Project'. Giving India more of these heroes, by telling their stories, so others may be inspired to walk in their footsteps.

This enriching session gave us a brief idea about the Jai Hind Project and inspired many of us to become change makers in our small, unique ways and not remain mere bystanders. "In words, a story weaves its spell, transforming minds where dreams may dwell. With each tale told, new words unfurled, **A story can change the world!**"







THE OASIS WINTER FEST

Sahima Singh





The OASIS held its annual Winter Fest on 22nd December 2023. Stalls were lined up across the field and sounds of joy filled the air. There was red, green and white as far as the eyes could see.

Christmas carols sung by the students of classes I, II & and III evoked a festive spirit in everyone. The symphony was continued by the school band with performances of various popular songs, such as 'Choo Lo', 'With or Without You', 'Yellow', 'Numb', 'Aadat' and' Jiyein Kyun'.

The food stalls smelled of delicacies and the game stalls were thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike. There were a variety of games, including classics like 'Pin the Tail', 'Spin the Wheel', and 'Bullseye Dart'. In addition to the game stalls, there was also a lucky draw to win exciting prizes such as a robotic vacuum, Kindle, art hamper and several other exciting prizes.

In today's consumer-driven and self-centred world, what matters most is how we give back to society. Keeping this in mind, The OASIS Winter Fest also included stalls by NGOs, namely- SHRAM, Purkal Youth Development Society and 'The Silent Bakery' by Bajaj Institute of Learning for the Deaf, and Sharnagat. What stood out the most in the entire event, was the adoption drive conducted by Sharnagat, which is a local dog shelter.

To sum up, The OASIS Winter Fest 2023 triumphed in spreading holiday cheer and gaiety, and ending the year on a joyful note.





Melry Christmas













अन्तर्सदनीय श्लोक वाचन प्रतियोगिता

13 दिसंबर 2023 को विद्यालय में अन्तर्सदनीय श्लोक वाचन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। यह प्रतियोगिता सत्वा संभाग के लिए आयोजित की गयी थी। सभी प्रतिभागियों ने उत्सुकता व उत्साह के साथ प्रतियोगिता में प्रतिभाग किया। सभी श्लोक नीति वचन से संबन्धित थे। प्रतियोगिता में चारों सदनों के प्रतिभागियों ने समूह में श्लोको का सस्वर वाचन व हिंदी अनुवाद भी किया। प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान विनय सदन ने प्राप्त किया। द्वितीय स्थान प्रसत्ति सदन व तृतीय दैविक सदन ने प्राप्त किया। मेरी दृष्टि में तो सभी सदन विजेता थे, क्योंकि सभी सदनो ने मंच पर अपने उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन से श्रोताओं का मन मोह लिया था। प्रतियोगिता के अंत में विद्यालय की माध्यमिक संचालिका श्रीमती नताशा नंदी बाटला जी ने अपने आर्शिवचनों से प्रतिभागियों का उत्साहवर्धन किया तथा अगामी प्रतियोगिताओं हेतु अपने सुझाव दिए। माध्यमिक संचालिका जी के आर्शिवचनों को सुनकर मुझे अपनी कक्षा में पढ़े एक श्लोक का स्मरण हुआ।

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